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Cherie Canon, LCSW-C, Chair
State Board of Social Work Examiners
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

RE: Surrender of Social Work License
License Number: G11164
Case Numbers: 931

Dear Ms. Canon and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to surrender my license to practice social work in the State of Maryland, License Number G11164, (D.O.B. 10/07/73).

I understand that I may not engage in the practice of social work in Maryland; that is I may not apply the theories, knowledge procedures, methods, or ethics derived from a formal educational program in social work to restore or enhance social functioning of individuals, couple, families, groups, organizations or communities through assessment; formulating diagnostic impressions; planning; intervention; evaluation of intervention plans; case management; information and referral; counseling that does not include diagnosis or treatment of mental disorders; advocacy; consultation; education; research; community organization; or development, implementation, and administration of policies, programs, and activities, or otherwise engage in the practice of social work as it is defined in the Maryland Social Workers Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("H.O.") § 19-101(m), including supervision of other social workers; and evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of psychosocial conditions and mental disorders and the provision of psychotherapy.

In addition, I will refrain from identifying myself as a practitioner of social work, I will remove all signs or similar advertisements that indicate authority to practice social work, and I will not use letterhead or business cards indicating authority to practice social work. In other words, as of April 3, 2009, the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a PUBLIC document.

My decision to surrender my license to practice social work in Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my licensure by the State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board"). The investigation was based on a February 2, 2005 complaint that was filed with the Board by Catholic Charities, Hughesville, Maryland alleging that I signed stipend checks for clients and deposited them in my checking account. The complaint further alleges that the clients were interviewed and they stated they had not received the funds in their checking accounts.

The Board investigated the complaint and further discovered that I was indicted by the State's Attorney for Montgomery County. On April 9, 2008, I entered an Alford Plea to fraudulent misappropriation by a fiduciary, a misdemeanor. As a result of the Alford Plea I was ordered unsupervised probation for one year.

The Board's investigation resulted in charges under the Act, copy of which are attached and incorporated herein as Attachment A. Specifically, the Board charged me with the commission of prohibited acts under Md. Health Occ. Code Ann., § 19 -311.

The pertinent provisions of the Act provide as follows:

> Subject to the hearing provisions of § 19-312 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its full authorized membership, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee:
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> (10) Is discipline by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state, county, or branch of the armed services, or the Veterans' Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section.

The underlying grounds for disciplinary action under this section are:

> (4) Commits any act of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of social work;
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> (5) Knowingly violates any provision of this title;

(6) Engages in a course of conduct that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of social work;

(7) Violates any provision of this title or regulations governing the practice of social work adopted and published by the Board;

(8) Is convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendre to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside.

I affirm that I was served with a copy of the charging document and have otherwise been advised on the Board's actions through communications with representatives of the Office of the Attorney General.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice social work in Maryland because I no longer reside in the State of Maryland or the District of Columbia. The basis for the charges against me includes the findings of the investigation described in the Board's Charges attached hereto as Attachment A. By virtue of this Letter of Surrender, I waive any right to contest those charges and findings. I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving any right to contest these findings in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I hereby affirm that I have terminated any social work practice that I had in Maryland.

I acknowledge that on the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Board my Maryland social work license, including any renewal certificates and wallet-sized renewal cards.

I understand that the Board will advise the Association of State Boards of Social Work, the National Practitioners Data Bank, the Health Care Integrity Data Bank, and any other required entities, of this Letter of Surrender, and in any response to inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in lieu of disciplinary action under the Act as resolution of the matters pending against me. I also understand that in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other

state or jurisdiction, that this Letter of Surrender, and all underlying documents, may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action pursuant to Md. State Gov't Code Ann., § 10-611 *et seq.*

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my license will remain surrendered forever, unless reinstated by the Board pursuant to my filing a petition for reinstatement. If I file a petition for reinstatement, I recognize that I must meet all requirements for reinstatement; and I understand that it is in the discretion of the Board whether to reinstate my license and to determine the conditions under which it will reinstate my license. I understand that the Board will review my petition as if my license had been revoked.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that although I understand that I may consult with an attorney before signing this Letter of Surrender, I have knowingly and voluntarily elected not to do so. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Sincerely,

Priyanthi R. Mazorati, LGSW

NOTARY

STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY/COUNTY OF Fulton

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 27 day of April, 2009, before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared PRIYANTHI R. MARZORATI, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

Notary Public, Fulton County, Georgia
My Commission Expires February 14, 2012

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

ACCEPTANCE

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS, on this 8 day of May, 2009, I accept Priyanthi R. Marzorati's PUBLIC Letter of Surrender of her license to practice social work in the State of Maryland.

Cherie Canon, LCSW-C
Chair
Board of Social Work Examiners