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Maryland Board of Massage Therapy Examiners 4201 Patterson Avenue, Suite 301 Baltimore, MD 21215

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RE: Surrender of Registration to Practice as a Registered Massage Practitioner

Registration Number R03404

Case Number 22-03M

Dear Ms. Oliver:

I agree to voluntarily surrender my registration to practice as a registered massage practitioner ("RMP") in the State of Maryland, registration number R03404, to the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners (the "Board"). I understand that I may not practice as an RMP, with or without compensation, as it is defined in the Maryland Massage Therapy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("H.O.") § 6-101 et seq. and the Board's regulations, COMAR 10.65.01 et seq. In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that I am in the same position as an individual who is not registered to practice as an RMP. I understand that this Letter of Surrender shall become a **PUBLIC** document and shall become effective on the date of the Board's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender. I agree that this letter may be released or published by the Board as a final decision and order under the Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., General Provisions §§ 4-101 et seq.

On or about February 22, 2022, the Board received a complaint alleging that I inappropriately touched several clients and made inappropriate comments to clients. Based on this complaint, the Board initiated an investigation. It is now my understanding that the Board believes that it has sufficient information to charge my RMP registration with violations of the Act, specifically H.O. § 6-308(a)(8) ("Does an act that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of massage therapy") and H.O. § 6-308(a)(20) ("Engages in conduct that violates the professional code of ethics"), namely COMAR 10.65.03.05 ("Professional Boundaries"). I understand that, if this matter proceeded to an evidentiary hearing before the Board, there likely is sufficient evidence to find and conclude as a matter of law that I violated H.O. §§ 6-308(a)(8) and (20) and I understand that the Board could sanction my registration accordingly. Thus, it is my desire to surrender my registration to practice as an RMP at this time.

In executing this agreement to surrender my registration to practice as an RMP to the Board, I agree that I will not apply for reinstatement for a period of TWO (2) YEARS following the date of the Board's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender. I also agree that if, after a period of TWO (2) YEARS, I decide to apply for reinstatement as an RMP in Maryland, I will approach the Board in the same posture as an unregistered individual whose registration has been revoked. In considering my application for reinstatement, the Board may review my entire Board file, including any information the Board receives after execution of this letter. I understand that it will be my burden, as an applicant for reinstatement, to demonstrate that I meet all of the Board's requirements for reinstatement of my registration at the time I submit a reinstatement application. I understand that if the Board reinstates my registration, it will be reinstated through the Board's disciplinary process and that my registration will only be reinstated by the Board's issuance of a public order of reinstatement and that the Board may, in its discretion, place my reinstated registration on probation subject to terms and conditions.

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 the right, now and in the future to any evidentiary hearing at which I would have the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, to contest the facts summarized in the second paragraph of this Letter of Surrender and at which I would have the right to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. I understand the nature and effect of both the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have had an opportunity to discuss this matter with legal counsel and I willingly, knowingly and voluntarily sign this letter of surrender.

ACCEPTANCE

ON BEHALF OF THE MARYLAND EXAMINERS, on this 2774 day of A	STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY PRIL , 2022, I accept Parrish Lee's public ctice as a registered massage practitioner in the State
of Maryland	Sharon Oliver, MBA
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