

STEVEN ROGERS, Ph. D

Date: May 31, 2018

Cyndie Buckson, Psy.D., Board Chair
Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Permanent Surrender of License to Practice Psychology
License Number: 1758
Case Number: 2017-010

Dear Ms. Buckson and Members of the Board:

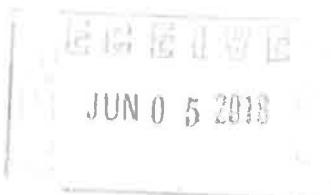
Please be advised that I have decided to **SURRENDER** my license to practice as a psychologist in the State of Maryland, License Number: 1758, effective immediately. I understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not practice as a psychologist, with or without compensation, or otherwise engage in the practice of psychology in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Psychologists Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations II. ("H.O.") §§ 18-101 *et seq.*, (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2017 Supp.) and other applicable laws.

In other words, as of 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 in the State of Maryland. I understand that should I provide mental health service in the capacity of a coach, psychotherapist, counselor, or other designation, the Board may investigate my practice to determine whether such practice constitutes the practice of psychology.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** and, on the Board's, acceptance becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

My decision to surrender my license to practice as a psychologist in the State of Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my license by the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the "Board"). The results of the investigation led the Board to issue disciplinary charges against me on or about November 16, 2017, under Case Number: 2017-010.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice as a psychologist in the State of Maryland to avoid further prosecution of the disciplinary charges now pending before the Board. I acknowledge that the Board initiated an investigation of this matter and issued disciplinary charges against me under the Act.



After its investigation, the Board charged me with violating the following provision:

H. O. § 18- 401. Practicing without license or registration.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice psychology in this State unless licensed or registered by the Board.

I wish to make clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender to avoid prosecution of the aforementioned charges under the Act. I acknowledge that if the case were to proceed to an evidentiary hearing, the Board would be able to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that I violated the Act as charged. I acknowledge that for all purposes relevant to psychologist licensure, those investigative findings will be treated as if proven.

I further acknowledge that the State can prove that since March 2004 I practiced psychology after I allowed my license to expire. During a March 2017 interview conducted by the Board's investigator, I admitted that I practiced psychology without a license since March 2004.


I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender I am waiving any right to contest the charges 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 all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I understand that the Board will advise, in any response to any inquiry, that I have surrendered my license in lieu of further disciplinary action under the Act. I also understand that in the event I would apply for license in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, that this **PERMANENT** Letter of Surrender and the underlying investigative 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. Code Ann., General Provision § 4-101 *et seq.*, (2014 Repl. Vol.), and that this Letter of Surrender is considered a disciplinary action by the Board.

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 I have been advised of my right to be represented by the attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before the Board, including the right to counsel with an attorney prior to signing this Letter of Surrender. 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 voluntarily choose to surrender my Maryland license to practice as a psychologist pursuant to the terms and conditions set out herein. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

I understand and agree to the following as consideration for the Board's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender:

1. Return of my original Maryland psychologist license, number 1758, and my most recent renewal card.
2. Payment of a civil fine in the amount of \$20,000, payable to the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists, within six (6) months of the date of this letter. The



Steve Rogers, Ph.D.

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 31st day of May 2018,
before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared
Steven Rogers, Ph.D., and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that
signing the foregoing **PERMANENT** Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

**ROBERT BARKLEY SAUSE
NOTARY PUBLIC
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
JULY 2, 2020**

ACCEPTANCE

On this 6th day of June, 2018 the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists, accepts the PERMANENT SURRENDER of the license of Steven Rogers, Ph.D. to practice psychology in the State of Maryland.

Cyndie M. Buckson, Psy.D.,
Chair, Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists