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February 27, 2008

David A. Williams, D.D.S.
President
Board of Dental Examiners
Spring Grove Hospital Center
Benjamin Rush Building
55 Wade Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21228

Dear Dr. Williams and Members of the Board,

Please be advised that I have decided to surrender my inactive license to practice dentistry in the State of Maryland, License Number 4524 (d.o.b. 10/13/39). I understand that I may not give dental advice or treatment to any individual, with or without compensation, cannot prescribe medications, cannot own, operate or manage a dental practice, or otherwise engage in the practice of dentistry in the State of Maryland as defined in the Maryland Dentistry Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 4-101, *et seq.* In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my inactive license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in the State of Maryland.

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

My decision to surrender my inactive license to practice dentistry in Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my inactive licensure by the Maryland Board of Dental Examiners (the "Board") and the Office of the Attorney General. The Board's investigation resulted in charges under the Act. Relevant here, the Board charged me with the commission of the following prohibited act under Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 4-315(a):

(19) Is disciplined by any licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes.

The underlying ground for disciplinary action, relevant here, under § 4-315 (a)(19) is as follows:

(6) Practices dentistry in a professionally incompetent manner or in a grossly incompetent manner.

I affirm that I was served with the Board's charging document and letter of procedure which informed me of my rights and the dates of the hearing, pre-hearing conference and case resolution conference.

I have decided to surrender my inactive license to practice dentistry in Maryland to avoid further prosecution of the aforementioned charges and because I do not intend to practice in Maryland now or in the future. The basis for the charge against me is the fact that on February 23, 2005, the Washington State Dental Quality Assurance Commission ("WSDQAC") reprimanded and fined me for providing endodontic care below the standard of care to two (2) patients. As a result of the Maryland investigation into the finding described above, and 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 further recognize and agree that by agreeing to this Letter of Surrender that my inactive license will remain surrendered permanently in the State of Maryland. In other words, I agree never to seek reinstatement or new licensure in this State. I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever.

I hereby affirm that I do not currently practice dentistry in the State of Maryland and that I have no privileges of any kind at any hospital, outpatient facility, nursing home, or other health care facility in the State of Maryland.

I understand that the Board will advise the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Databank, and other entities of this Letter of Surrender, and in response to any inquiry, that I have surrendered my inactive license in lieu of disciplinary action under the Act. 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 along with all underlying investigative documents may be released to the requesting governmental or licensing body.

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Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been notified of my right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Letter of Surrender and that I have voluntarily chosen to proceed without counsel. 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,



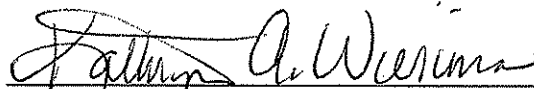
Robert Smith, D.D.S.

NOTARY

STATE OF WASHINGTON
CITY/COUNTY OF Ochotona

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 27 day of February, 2008, before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Robert Smith, D.D.S., and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that the signing of this Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 3/30/2010

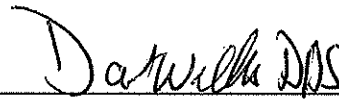


David A. Williams, D.D.S. and Member of Board
RE: Robert Smith, D.D.S.
Letter of Surrender, Case No. 2006-068

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ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of the Maryland Board of Dental Examiners, this 5 day of March 2008, I accept Robert Smith, D.D.S.'s, PUBLIC LETTER OF SURRENDER of his license to practice dentistry in the State of Maryland.



David A. Williams, D.D.S.
President
Board of Dental Examiners

cc: Kimberly S. Cammarto, Assistant Attorney General, Administrative Prosecutor