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<u>VIA REGULAR AND CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED: 9171 9690 0935 0103 6306 82

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RE: Gerald Awadzi, D.D.S.

ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

License Number: 15143

Case Number: 2018-257 and 2019-015

Dear Mr. Jones, Mr. McManus, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Kao:

On August 28, 2018, the Maryland Board of Dental Examiners (the "Board") issued an Order summarily suspending your license to practice dentistry in this State, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2)(i) (2014 Repl.Vol.). On October 3, 2018, the Board held a show cause hearing. Dr. Awadzi attended the hearing on that date with his counsel Gary R. Jones, Esq. and David J. McManus, Jr. Esq. The State was represented by Christopher Anderson and Michael Kao, Assistant Attorneys General, Administrative Prosecutors. Both parties were permitted to present exclusively oral arguments at the show cause hearing. "In a show cause proceeding [...], the respondent may present argument in opposition to the allegations presented

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in the order for summary suspension or which otherwise demonstrate that the public health, safety, or welfare is not at risk." COMAR 10.44.07.25A.

The Board, having considered the oral arguments of the parties and the Board's investigative information in this case, finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires the Board to summarily suspend Dr. Awadzi's license. *See* State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2)(i) and COMAR 10.44.07.25B

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Dr. Awadzi has the right to request a full evidentiary hearing the Board. This request will be granted if the Board receives a written request for the evidentiary hearing within ten (10) calendar days of the date of this letter. Any request for a hearing should be sent to Dr. Ronald Moser, Acting Executive Director, at Benjamin Rush Building, 55 Wade Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21228.

This letter constitutes an order of the Board resulting from formal disciplinary action and is therefore a public document.

Very truly yours

Arthur C. Jee, D.M.D.

President

MD State Board of Dental Examiners

Attachment

cc: Nicholas Johansson, Principal Counsel, HOPL Grant Gerber, Board Counsel

Rosalind Spellman, Administrative Officer, HOPL