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Board of Dietetic Practice

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor – Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor – S. Anthony McCann, Secretary

July 22, 2005

Jerome A. Frentsos  
510 Beach Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21403

Dear Mr. Frentsos:

At its July 21, 2005 Board meeting, the Board accepted your letter of surrender.

Sincerely,

James T. Merrow  
Board Administrator

cc: Victoria H. Pepper, AAG

Delia Turano Schadt, AAG  
Board Counsel

Jerome A. Frentsos, RD, LDN  
510 Beach Drive  
Annapolis, Maryland 21403  
June , 2005

Paul Araujo  
Chair  
Maryland Board of Dietetic Practice  
4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Permanent Surrender of Dietary Practice License  
License Number: D02205

Dear Mr. Araujo and Members of the Board:

I have decided to surrender **PERMANENTLY** my license to practice dietetics in the State of Maryland, License Number D02205. I understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not practice dietetics, with or without supervision and/or compensation, or otherwise engage in the practice of dietetics as it is defined in the Maryland Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. ("H. O.") §§5-101 *et seq.* (2000 & 2004 Supp.), and under applicable law. In other words, as of June 15, 2005, 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 and on the Board's acceptance becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

My decision to surrender my license to practice dietetics in Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my license by the Maryland Board of Dietary Practice (the "Board") including, but not limited to, allegations that I violated the Act and the Code of Ethics adopted by the Board in that I engaged in inappropriate sexual misconduct with a female client, thereby exploiting my professional relationship with her for my personal advantage, in violation of H.O. § 5-311(10) and Code Md. Regs. ("COMAR") tit. 10, § 56.03.03D. Specifically, I acknowledge that in my capacity as a Dietician at the United States Naval Academy, I engaged in inappropriate sexual misconduct and made inappropriate disclosures regarding myself in the context of a professional evaluation, treatment or service to a female midshipman who had sought my professional assistance for her weight loss issues and low self-esteem.

My decision to surrender my license has been prompted by my desire to avoid further prosecution of the disciplinary charges now pending before the Board.

I agree that if the Board were to proceed with the prosecution of the charges in this matter, the State would be able to prove by a preponderance of evidence that I violated the Maryland Dieticians and Licensed Nutritionists Act and the Code of Ethics adopted by the Board. I agree to waive any right to contest the underlying investigation or the Board's findings in connection with its underlying investigation.

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender to avoid prosecution of the charges under the Act and the Board's regulations. I understand that by tendering this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving any right to contest the findings of the Board's investigation 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 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.* (2004).

I hereby affirm that I do not maintain a dietetics practice in Maryland.

I further acknowledge that on or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Board my most recent Maryland dietetic practice license, number D02205, including any renewal certificates and wallet-sized renewal cards.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. 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.

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 consult with an attorney prior to signing this Letter of Surrender. I fully understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this

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Letter of Surrender. I voluntarily chose to surrender my Maryland license to practice dietetics pursuant to the terms and conditions specified herein.

Sincerely,



Jerome A. Frentsos, RD, LDN

**NOTARY**

**STATE OF MARYLAND**  
**CITY/COUNTY OF**

Anne Arundel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005, 2005, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Jerome A. Frentsos, RD, LDN, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.



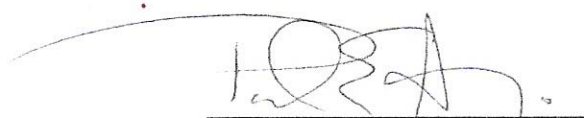
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 11.01.06

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**ACCEPTANCE**

On behalf of the Maryland Board of Dietary Practice, on this 21 day  
of JULY, 2005, I accept Jerome A. Frentzos's **PUBLIC PERMANENT  
SURRENDER** of his license to practice dietetics in the State of Maryland.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Frentzos", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.