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April 22, 2004

CHERI SUZANNE RITTER  
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### **RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER**

Dear CHERI SUZANNE RITTER:

The Arizona State Board of Nursing ("Board") has received information and documentation that you have been representing yourself as a professional nurse. In or about April 2004 you submitted a resume to Arizona Medical Exchange seeking employment as a registered nurse. On this resume you indicate that you have been employed as a nurse in Arizona since October 2000. From October 2000 to now you have been employed with the North Phoenix Health Institute. During this time you have represented yourself to your employer, and allowed others to represent you, to patients and colleagues as a nurse.

Our records indicate that you do not hold a valid license to practice nursing in Arizona. On May 1, 2002 the Board received an application from you to endorse your California RN license, a license currently subject to discipline in California, into Arizona. As you are aware, you were ineligible for licensure in Arizona due to having one or more felony convictions. In June 2002 your application was withdrawn at your request.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666(A)(1)(2): It is unlawful for a person who is not licensed or certified under this chapter to: (1) Practice or offer to practice professional or practical nursing in this state. (2) Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, figures, sign, card or device to indicate that the person or any other person is a registered, graduate or professional nurse.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1636: Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice professional nursing in this state or in a party state pursuant to section 32-1668 may use the title "nurse", "registered nurse", "graduate nurse" or "professional nurse" or the abbreviation "R.N."

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1606 (A) (4) The Board may refer criminal violations of this chapter to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1667(2): A person is guilty of a class 6 felony who: (2) Engages in any conduct prohibited in section 32-1666.

The Arizona Board of Nursing demands that you immediately cease and desist implying to the public of Arizona that you are a nurse (RN), or otherwise eligible to practice nursing in the State of Arizona.

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Be advised that the Board will turn your case over to the appropriate law enforcement agency and proceed with criminal action in a court of law.

If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Thereasa Berry, at 602-889-5208.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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