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### **RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER**

Dear KETURA CERITOPIA RATHBUN:

The Arizona State Board of Nursing ("Board") has received information and documentation that you are have accepted a travel assignment and have been working as a Registered Nurse in Arizona utilizing an Idaho multi-state license. As you aware, on December 14, 2000, your Arizona application for licensure as a Registered Nurse was denied by the Board. Based upon the prior application denial, you are not authorized to practice nursing in the State of Arizona under the license or privilege of any other state including a compact state.

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).

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.

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If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Valerie Smith, at 602-889-5206.

Sincerely,

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