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

Dear Ms. Shugart:

The Board of Nursing has received information that during a recent legal proceeding in Superior Court, you represented yourself to the court as a licensed practical nurse and as a certified nursing assistant. According to the Arizona Board of Nursing your practical nurse license no. LP038979 and certified nursing assistant certificate no. CNA999952518 are currently revoked effective March 10, 2006.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666(A)(1)(3): It is unlawful for a person who is not licensed or certified under this chapter to: (1) Practice or offer to practice as a registered or practical nurse, registered nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in this state. (3) Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, sign, card or device to indicate that the person or any other person is a licensed practical nurse or a certified nursing assistant.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1641: Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in this state or in a party state as defined in A.R.S. 32-1668 may use the title "nurse", "licensed practical nurse", "practical nurse" or the abbreviation "L.P.N."

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1649: Only a person who is currently certified by the board to practice as a nursing assistant shall use the title "certified nursing assistant" and the abbreviation "CNA."

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 (LPN) or a certified nursing assistant (CNA).

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Be advised that the Board will forward your case to the Office of the Attorney General for review for potential criminal charges.

If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Dolores Hurtado, Senior Investigator at (602) 771-7845.

Sincerely,

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