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Ann L. Totsch
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear Ms. Totsch:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you represented yourself as an RN while employed as the Director of Risk Management while employed at Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, Arizona. The title "RN", a protected title that you are prohibited from using unless licensed in Arizona or the holder of a Compact license with valid multistate privileges.

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 as a registered or practical nurse, registered nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist 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, nurse, professional nurse, nurse practical practitioner, clinical nurse specialist or practical nurse.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1636: Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice registered 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).

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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, at (602) 771-7845.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joey Ridenour in black ink.

Joey Ridenour, R.N., M.N., F.A.A.N.
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