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February 27, 2019

Patricia Jo Hunter  
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**RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER**

Dear Ms. Hunter:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have represented yourself as an RN in the state of Arizona. Allegation reported that you have diagnosed, treated and prescribed medications for a family member in Arizona. However, based upon a review of licensing databases, it appears that you do not have an Arizona nursing license, nor a privilege to practice nursing in Arizona.

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 and (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, graduate nurse, professional nurse, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, practical nurse, licensed nursing assistant or certified nursing assistant.

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.

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**AGENDA ITEM: III.E.2.**

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 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,

Handwritten signature of Joey Ridenour in cursive script.

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