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Re: Heather E. Turner, R.C.P.
Case No. 2011-0356
License No. L05001

Dear Ms. Turner and Mr. Kao:

On October 14, 2011, the Board issued an **ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of Ms. Turner's license to practice respiratory care in this state. Ms. Turner was given an opportunity to attend a hearing to show cause why that suspension should not be continued. That hearing took place before the full Board on October 26, 2011. Ms. Turner did not attend the hearing on that date. The State was represented by Michael Kao, Administrative Prosecutor. Mr. Kao argued that the uncontested facts require a finding that the summary suspension is required in order to protect the public health and welfare.

After considering the investigative file and the presentation at the hearing, the Board determined that it would continue the summary suspension imposed on October 14, 2011. The Board thus will not lift the summary suspension order. The argument submitted, when considered in the light of the investigative findings in the file, persuade the Board that the Administrative Prosecutor has met his burden of showing that there exists a substantial risk of serious harm to the public health, safety or welfare in Ms. Turner's continued practice.

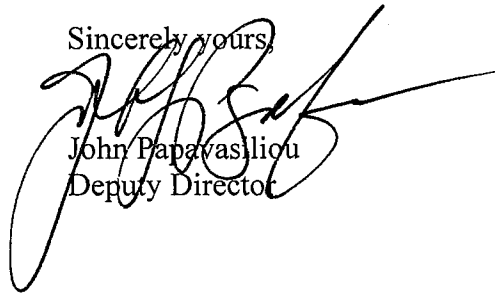
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Under the Board regulations, Ms. Turner has the right to request a full evidentiary hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. This request will be granted if the Board receives

a written request for the hearing within ten days of the date of this letter. The request should be sent to Christine Farrelly, Chief of Investigations, at the Board's address. If Ms. Turner requests such a hearing, the regulations require that an Administrative Law Judge set an evidentiary hearing to begin within 30 days of that request, *see* COMAR 10.32.02.05 I, though the parties may waive that 30-day requirement.

This letter constitutes an order of the Board resulting from formal disciplinary action and is a public document.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Papavasiliou', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Papavasiliou
Deputy Director