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2/26/99

Date

Joe Compton, Administrator
Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists
4201 Patterson Avenue
Fifth Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Re: Letter of Surrender

Dear Mr. Compton and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to surrender my license to practice psychology in the State of Maryland. I understand that, upon acceptance of this Letter of Surrender by the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the "Board"), as evidenced by execution of this Letter by Chairman Malone on behalf of the Board, I may no longer engage in the practice of psychology, as it is defined in Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations Article, §18-101. In other words, I understand that this surrender of my license in the State of Maryland means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in this State. I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a Public Document, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., St. Gov't Article, §§10-601, *et seq.*

My decision to surrender my license to practice psychology has been prompted by my receipt of the Board's Charges Under the Maryland Psychologists Act, dated December 11, 1998, which authorizes the Board, upon a finding of violation of its Act, to reprimand me, place me on probation, suspend or revoke my license. A copy of the Charges are attached hereto and made a part hereof. By submitting this Letter of Surrender, while not fully accepting the Allegations of Fact, I acknowledge that the Board has sufficient evidence to subject me to discipline under its Act. I acknowledge that if I were to go to a hearing on those charges, I would be able to confront witnesses against me, cross-examine those witnesses, present witnesses on my own behalf and have subpoenas issued, subject to any associated cost.

My decision to surrender my license has been prompted by my desire to avoid further proceedings before the Board. I acknowledge, by executing this Letter of

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Surrender, I am waiving my right to an evidentiary hearing. I agree that I will not, subsequently, request a hearing on the Charges against me.

I further understand that this Letter of Surrender is a Public Document under the Maryland Public Information Act and disclosable to any individual requesting this Letter of Surrender under the Act. I further acknowledge that this Letter of Surrender may be reportable to a National Data Bank or published in the Board's newsletter.

I acknowledge that, sixty days from the date of execution of this Letter by Chairman Malone, I will forward to the Board my wallet-sized license and my wall certificate. I acknowledge that I agreed that, upon submission of my license to the Board, I will refrain from the practice of psychology in this State, unless and until authorized to do so by the Board.

I understand that the Board will not entertain a petition for reinstatement of my Maryland psychology license until the following conditions have been met:

1. That my license has been surrendered for three years from the date that I actually stopped practicing psychology in Maryland, which date is sixty days from the date of the execution of this Letter by Chairman Malone, in order for me to transition my patients to another therapist.

2. That I will advise my patients that I will no longer be practicing psychology in Maryland, and will refer them to other therapists, and forward their legible files to the new therapist(s). I will notify the Board that I have made the appropriate transfers by sending the Board copies of each letter sent to my patients regarding the termination of therapy with me.

3. I will undertake a Board-pre-approved ethics tutorial and will ensure that the tutor submits documentation that I have successfully completed same.

4. I will not apply for Reinstatement until thirty days before the three year expiration of the sixty day period following the execution of the Letter by Chairman Malone.

Upon the expiration of the three year period of surrender and upon successful completion of the above terms, the Board may reinstate my license, placing me on Probation for two years and requiring that I practice psychology under a Mentor approved by the Board, and according to conditions of mentorship set by the Board. I agree that I will promptly pay the Board-approved Mentor at a rate set by the Board at the conclusion of each mentoring session and that I will ensure that the Mentor submits a written report

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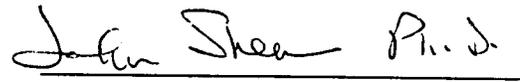
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to the Board on my status/progress at intervals determined by the Board. I agree that I will also submit evidence of my continuing education credits/units (CEUs) required for reinstatement and pay any fee associated with the reinstatement application at the time of applying for reinstatement.

I have been advised of my right to be represented by the attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before the Board, including the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Letter of Surrender, and have done so. I understand both the nature of this action, the terms and conditions of this Letter of Surrender, and the effect of the Surrender, and am aware that the surrender of my license may have an impact on licenses I may have in other states. I voluntarily choose to SURRENDER my Maryland psychology license pursuant to the terms and conditions set out herein. I have made this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Sincerely yours,


Lois F. McBride, Attorney for Respondent


John Skeen, Ph.D.

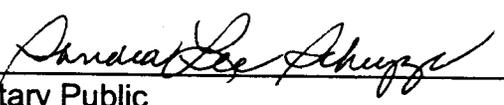
STATE OF MARYLAND

~~CITY~~/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 26th day of February, 1999,
before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared
before me **John Skeen, Ph.D., License No. 2283**, and made oath in due form of law
that the foregoing Letter of Surrender, consisting of four (4) pages, was his voluntary
act and deed.

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AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 10/1/02

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On behalf of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, this 1st day
of April, 1999, I accept this Public Letter of Surrender of the psychology
license of John Skeen, Ph.D., under the terms and conditions set out herein.



Daniel Malone, Ph.D., Chairman
Maryland Board of Examiners
of Psychologists

cc: Paul Ballard, Assistant Attorney General
Board Counsel

Roberta Gill, Assistant Attorney General
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Lois Fenner McBride, Attorney for Respondent

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