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February 7, 2017

Nestor R. Perez  
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### **RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER**

Dear Mr. Perez:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have been representing yourself as a licensed practical nurse/practical nurse you applied online with CSL Plasma. You indicated on the electronic application that were are an LPN and provided an altered online license verification with a fraudulent license number and indicated the license did not have an expiration date. The Arizona Board of Nursing has found no evidence to support you have completed a program of study or received a valid license to practice nursing in Arizona or any other state.

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, graduate nurse, professional nurse, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist or practical nurse.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1636(B): Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice practical nursing in this state or in a party state as defined in A.R.S. 32-1668 may use the title "nurse", "licensed practical nurse" or "practical nurse" or the abbreviation "L.P.N."

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).

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

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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 cursive script.

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