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Peter M. Wittekind, Esq. KENT & WITTEKIND, P.C. 909 East Missouri Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85014-2650

RE: Dr. Tory Richmond, CRNA (RN205838 / CRNA 1357)

LETTER OF CONCERN PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1664 (H) (2)

Dear Mr. Wittekind:

On May 27, 2021, the Arizona State Board of Nursing, in open meeting, reviewed the complaint submitted against your client's license RN205838 and certificate no. CRNA 1357. After consideration of the facts, the Board determined there was insufficient evidence to support direct action, but sufficient evidence for the Board to notify you of its concern regarding your client.

Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1664 (H) (2), the Board of Nursing voted to issue this Letter of Concern to you client. On October 25, 2019 and August 28, 2020, while working as a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) in outpatient dental offices in Scottsdale and Chandler, Arizona, your client provided anesthesia services to Patient SS and Patient RC, and did not sign the anesthesia consent form or sign that he reviewed the pre-anesthesia medical history paperwork. It is standard of practice for the anesthesia provider to sign the pre-anesthesia forms and anesthesia consent after reviewing anesthesia risks with the patient.

The Board, by this letter, warns your client that repetition of such conduct may lead to future disciplinary action against your client's license/certificate. Please note that investigative information and findings from this investigation may be used by the Board in the future if another complaint investigation related to your client's license/certificate occurs.

Please have your client review the Nurse Practice Act (NPA) to ensure that your client's practice and conduct is consistent with statute, rules, and safe **nursing** practice. Your client may access the NPA on the AZBN website: www.azbn.gov.

Should you have any questions regarding this case, please contact Tiffany Fotinos MSN, FNP-C at (602) 771-7854.

Sincerely,

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

Executive Director

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