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March 17, 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL

Patrice Theissen
212 East Lake
Mount Shasta, CA 96067

NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Dear Ms. Theissen:

The Iowa Board of Medicine recently reviewed information which indicates that you engaged in the practice of acupuncture in Iowa. Board records indicate that you are not licensed in the State of Iowa to practice acupuncture under Iowa Code chapter 148E. Therefore, you must **CEASE AND DESIST** from engaging in any conduct that constitutes the practice of acupuncture in Iowa.

Iowa Code section 148E.1(1) defines "acupuncture" as a form of health care that "employs oriental medical diagnosis and treatment, and adjunctive therapies and diagnostic techniques..." Section 148E.1(4) further defines the "practice of acupuncture" as

...the insertion of acupuncture needles and the application of moxibustion to specific areas of the human body based upon oriental medical diagnosis as a primary mode of therapy. Adjunctive therapies within the scope of acupuncture may include manual, mechanical, thermal, electrical, and electromagnetic treatment, and the recommendation of dietary guidelines and therapeutic exercise based on traditional oriental medicine concepts.

A person who is engaged in the practice of acupuncture in Iowa is required to obtain a license for that purpose. In the event a person engages in the practice of acupuncture without a license issued by the Board of Medicine, the office of the Iowa Attorney General is authorized to file a civil action against that person in a state district court to obtain a permanent injunction prohibiting that person from engaging in the unauthorized practice of medicine or acupuncture. See Iowa Code Sections 147.83 and 147.92. Furthermore, such unlicensed practice could subject you to criminal charges, as Section 147.103A(1) provides that a violation of Section 147.2 is a Class "D" felony.

You are hereby warned that you must **CEASE AND DESIST** from practicing acupuncture, as you do not hold a license as required by law. If the Board of Medicine receives information that you have engaged in the unauthorized practice of medicine or acupuncture, or held yourself out to the public as practicing medicine or acupuncture, after the date you receive this letter, a civil injunction action may be filed against you by the office of the Iowa Attorney General, and/or the case may be referred to the county attorney for consideration of criminal prosecution.

I would strongly advise you to contact your attorney to seek advice regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yasyn Lee", written over a horizontal line.

Yasyn Lee, M.D., Chairperson
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