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Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

I am writing to inform you that the USMLE Committee for Individualized Review (“CIR”) has completed its review of the allegation that you engaged in irregular behavior by submitting false information on your application for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).

In advance of the review, the USMLE CIR members were provided with copies of the following materials: (a) my letter to you dated [REDACTED]; (b) documents presented to ECFMG’s Medical Education Credentials Committee (MECC), including your exam history and biographical information; (c) ECFMG’s MECC decision letter; and (d) your personal statement and supplemental documents to the CIR, submitted on your behalf by your attorney, Mr. George Indest.

In its deliberations, the Committee reviewed the foregoing information and noted the following:

- According to ECFMG records, you first submitted an application for USMLE Step 1 to ECFMG on [REDACTED] and ECFMG assigned you USMLE/ECFMG Identification Number [REDACTED]. You entered your name as [REDACTED] and your date of birth as [REDACTED]. You sat for the exam on [REDACTED] and received a failing score of [REDACTED].
- On [REDACTED] you submitted another application for USMLE Step 1 to ECFMG. You entered your name as “[REDACTED]” and your date of birth as [REDACTED]. On the application, you certified to the following statement: “No, I have never submitted an application to ECFMG for any examination.” You also certified that the information you provided was true and accurate and provided solely by you. ECFMG then assigned you USMLE/ECFMG Identification Number [REDACTED].

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- Using your new USMLE/ECFMG Identification Number [REDACTED] you applied for Step 1 on [REDACTED], sat for the exam on [REDACTED] and received a passing score of [REDACTED]. You applied for USMLE Step 2 CS and Step 2 CK on [REDACTED]. You sat for Step 2 CK on [REDACTED] and received a passing score of [REDACTED] and you sat for Step 2 CS on [REDACTED] and received a passing score. You also applied for Step 3 on [REDACTED], sat for the exam on [REDACTED] and received a passing score of [REDACTED].
- You met the medical education credentials requirements and were issued an ECFMG Certificate on [REDACTED] under ECFMG/USMLE Identification Number [REDACTED].
- During a recent review of applicant records in anticipation of ECFMG's move to a new technology system, the records associated with ECFMG/USMLE Identification Numbers [REDACTED] were identified as belonging to the same person.
- ECFMG took action against you based on evidence that you engaged in irregular behavior by submitting falsified information.
- Because the falsified information was provided on a USMLE application, upon completion of its review, the ECFMG forwarded the matter to the Office of the USMLE Secretariat for its independent review in accordance with USMLE policy.
- In your written personal statement and testimony before the CIR, you stated you believed that because more than seven years had passed since you took Step 1 under your first USMLE ID, you had to start the application process over, including applying for a new USMLE ID number. You stated that you changed your name in [REDACTED] because you married, and that was the only information that was different from your first application for a USMLE ID number. You testified that you were merely mistaken about whether you needed a new USMLE ID, partly because a trusted colleague familiar with the process gave you incorrect advice, and you insisted that you had no intention to commit irregular behavior.
- You apologized for your mistake and stated that you did not intend to hide anything and simply misunderstood the process.

Following careful consideration of all the information available, the CIR appreciated your sincere testimony and elected not to issue a finding of irregular behavior. Accordingly, an annotation of irregular behavior will not be entered on your record with respect to this incident.

Please note that your full USMLE history is now consolidated under USMLE ID [REDACTED]. Going forward, report only USMLE ID [REDACTED] as your official USMLE identification number. You are prohibited from using USMLE ID [REDACTED] for any purpose effective immediately.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

c: ECFMG
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Mr. George Indest, III