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Q. Byrum Hurst Attorney at law 520 Ouachita Ave. Hot Springs, AR 71901

RE: Green Springs Medical, License 00021

Dear Mr. Hurst,

ABC Administration is in receipt of your request for continuance. ABC objects to a continuance for several reasons.

First of all, your client was provided notice of hearing back on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. He had ample opportunity to retain counsel sooner, but his failure to do so is not good cause for a continuance.

Second, the State has a strong interest in seeing this license revoked. He has a lengthy history of noncompliance - to the detriment of the patients of Arkansas.

Third, you stated you need to locate Green Springs' former grow manager, Shana Weidl. You noted that she is "in the state of Oklahoma...[and] is no longer with Green Springs Medical, nor is she a resident of the state of Arkansas." This is noteworthy, because Shana Weidl holds a **current valid RIC card** with the State. Green Springs is obligated to send in notices of separation when employees leave or are terminated. This is a violation of ABC Rule 21.3 "Separation of Employment." This further demonstrates that your client has no interest in regulatory compliance.

I want to be clear that the decision to grant a continue this matter will lie with the ABC Board. I want to also be clear that ABC objects and will object at the Board meeting to a continuance. ABC is concerned your client will continue to mislead patients and sell them inferior products if allowed to continue to operate; however, if your client would agree to cease all operations until a Board hearing, ABC's concern for public safety and fairness would be mitigated and we would not object to a continuance.

Sincerely,

Chip Leibovich

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