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via Federal Express
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Re: Unlawful Practice of Medicine

Dear Dr. Lee:

The Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners ("the Board") is the licensing and regulatory agency charged with protecting the health and safety of Alabama patients. In furtherance of this duty, the Board is charged with ensuring that only those persons who possess a valid medical license practice medicine in Alabama. The Board recently reviewed an investigation into your continued practice of medicine in Alabama following the expiration of your temporary emergency license.

According to our investigation, you began practicing medicine in Alabama via telemedicine after receiving a temporary emergency license issued on or about April 28, 2020. This license was issued to you to permit you to assist Alabama patients who were suffering from or affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This license expired on or about November 17, 2020. You have never obtained another Alabama medical license. Nevertheless, you have continued to practice medicine in Alabama, as evidenced by your prescription of ivermectin, as well as your prescription of controlled substances, to Alabama patients. You were contacted by a Board investigator on or about January 6, 2022, and informed that you were not licensed to practice medicine in Alabama. Despite knowing that you are not licensed to practice medicine in Alabama, you have continued to practice medicine unlawfully, having written a prescription for an Alabama patient as recently as September 7, 2022.

Under Alabama law, "any person who practices medicine or osteopathy or offers to do so in this state . . . without a license . . . shall be guilty of a Class C felony." *See* Ala. Code § 34-24-51. The Board has reviewed its licensure database and has determined that you are not licensed to practice medicine in Alabama. Accordingly, it is the order of the Board that you immediately cease and desist from the unauthorized practice of medicine. If you do not immediately comply with this demand, the Board will engage all lawful means necessary to compel your compliance with Alabama law.

If you feel the Board's investigation is in error, you may reply to this letter in writing and present any information you deem pertinent. In the meantime, you must comply with the Board's order to cease and desist the unlawful practice of medicine. If you or your business have legal counsel, please provide him or her with a copy of this letter and my contact information.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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