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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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Martin O'Malley, Governor – Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor – John M. Colmers, Secretary

October 22, 2008

Lisa B. Turner  
117 Kings court  
Centreville, Maryland 21617

RE: Daniel S. Smithpeter, M.D.

Dear Ms. Turner:

The Board must assure that the citizens of Maryland receive competent medical care from licensed physicians and that the physician is complying with the laws of Maryland. However, the Board is empowered to act only when there is evidence to substantiate charging a physician under the forty grounds enumerated in Health Occupations Article, Section 14-404. The Board can take either formal action against a physician's license, such as reprimand, suspension or revocation, or informal action by advising the physician of the standards governing the practice of medicine. The Board may also close a matter without taking any action.

A preliminary investigation was conducted regarding your complaint. This investigation included obtaining all pertinent material related to the complaint and a review by a Board medical consultant. After completion of this investigation, the Investigative Review Panel determined that this did not form the basis of a chargeable offense or would not meet the standard of proof required by law.

Please be advised that the case was resolved with an advisory letter to Dr. Smithpeter. An advisory letter, which informs and educates a physician, is not a disciplinary action. It is not a public document.

The Board appreciates your taking the time to bring to its attention your concerns regarding this physician. If you any have any questions, please contact Carol A. Palmer, Supervisor, Intake Unit at 410-764-5979.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Hennessy, M.D., MBA  
Board Chairman

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cc: C. Irving Pinder, Jr., Executive Director  
Carol A. Palmer, Supervisor, Intake Unit