STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION BUREAU OF INSURANCE

In re:

Tiara Gaul

National Producer No. 16704258 Maine License No. PRN205528 Docket No. INS-14-239 LICENSE REVOCATION NOTICE, ORDER, and OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

NOTICE TO TIARA GAUL:

Effective as of **December 12, 2014**, your Maine nonresident insurance producer license will be **REVOKED** without further formal proceedings unless you request a hearing as specified below.

The reasons for license revocation are as follows:

- 1. On December 10, 2012, the State of California issued an Order of Denial of Unrestricted License and for Issuance of a Restricted License to you, based upon your criminal history of two misdemeanor convictions of theft in the fifth degree, which occurred on November 13, 2007, and May 13, 2008.
- 2. On April 25, 2013, the State of Washington revoked your non-resident producer license for your failure to report the administrative action taken against you in California and your continued failure to respond to the Washington Insurance Commissioner's letters to you. The Washington revocation constitutes grounds for revocation of your Maine license under 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-K(1)(B), for violating insurance laws, and § 1420-K(1)(I), for having an insurance producer license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended, or revoked in any other state, province, district, or territory.
- 3. On July 26, 2013, the Commonwealth of Virginia revoked your non-resident producer license for failing to timely report the administrative actions taken against you in California and Washington. The Virginia revocation constitutes grounds for revocation of your Maine license under 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-K(1)(B), for violating insurance laws, and § 1420-K(1)(I), for having an insurance producer license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended, or revoked in any other state, province, district, or territory.
- 4. You failed to timely report any of the three administrative actions taken against you described hereinabove to the Maine Superintendent of Insurance as required by 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-P(1), which also constitutes grounds for revocation of

your Maine license under 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-K(1)(B), for violating insurance laws.

5. On September 23, 2014, the Bureau sent you a letter requesting information about the actions taken against you in California, Washington, and Virginia. You failed to respond to this letter, in violation of 24-A M.R.S. § 220(2). This failure constitutes grounds for revocation of your Maine license under 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-K(1)(B), for violating insurance laws.

Therefore, based upon the above grounds, your Maine insurance producer license is **revoked** as of **December 12, 2014,** pursuant to 24-A M.R.S. §§1417 and 1420-K, subject to your right to request a hearing.

Under the Maine Insurance Code, specifically 24-A M.R.S. §1417 and §1420-K, you have the right to a hearing before the Superintendent or his designee. If you request a hearing, you will have the right to present evidence and arguments in your defense, and the staff of the Bureau of Insurance will bear the burden of proving each violation by a preponderance of evidence.

If you request a hearing, you will receive further communication regarding scheduling. The matters to be determined through the hearing process are whether you committed one or more of the violations listed above, and if so, the appropriate sanctions for those violations. The sanctions imposed after a hearing can include any available remedy under applicable laws, including the payment of civil penalties.

To request a hearing, you must notify the Bureau of Insurance in writing no later than December 12, 2014. If you do not file a written request for a hearing within 30 days from the time you knew or reasonably should have known of the revocation of your license through this Notice and Order, you will lose your right to request a hearing on this license revocation Notice and Order.

Any request for a hearing, as well as all other communications regarding this Notice, Order, and Opportunity for Hearing must be addressed to Bureau Licensing Attorney Kristina M. Balbo, Bureau of Insurance, #34 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0034 (for US Postal Service deliveries) or 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine 04345 (for private carrier deliveries, such as FedEx or UPS). You may also reach Attorney Balbo by e-mail at kristina,m.balbo@maine.gov or by telephone at (207) 624-8429.

November 5, 2014

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Superintendent of Insurance