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Hearing Request
Administrative Director
Division of Workers' Compensation
1515 Clay Street Suite 17
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Administrative Director:

RE: NOTICE OF PROVIDER SUSPENSION-WORKERS' COMPENSATION LETTER
3/16/2023

The purpose of this letter is to request a hearing as is my right in order to challenge the provider suspension letter that I received dated 3/16/2023.

My current mailing address is: 1900 Camden Avenue # 101, San Jose, CA 95124. My email address is:

I do not believe that Labor Code Section 139.21(a) (1) pertains to me. I entered a plea of No Contest. I did not enter a plea of guilty. In entering a plea of No Contest, I relied on the statement in the statement in the plea agreement (paragraph 12) that my plea of No Contest "cannot be used against me in a subsequent civil matter," such as this proceeding. Accordingly, Labor Code Section 139.21 (a)(1) does not apply.

It is ironic, that five years after being accused and having discharged my obligations to the courts by paying restitution and completing my one year's probation successfully, my punishment continues despite my case being closed. I have also been a vocational counselor since 1984 and have counseled, placed, advocated for and rehabilitated injured workers back into the workforce. This is all based on my final disposition from the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, and (case # C1888684).

The key reason I consented to a plea bargain was due to a rise in attorney fees. I did not believe that I was guilty then, and nor do I currently believe that I was ever guilty. The restitution that I was to pay back, coupled along with my attorney's assurances that

I can continue to work normally as well as my emotional well being are the reasons for my plea deal. I was never told that I would be suspended after my case was closed, including successfully completing a one year probationary period.

At present, despite all that happened, most applicant attorneys are still referring their cases to me because of their satisfaction with my results. In addition, there is nothing in my plea deal that indicates that I will be subject to suspension after the fact.

Given the aforementioned reasons, I contest the letter of suspension and would like to request a hearing date.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronda F. Tapper". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ronda F. Tapper, M.S.
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor