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ABIM ID: 136084

Peter McCullough, M.D.
5231 Richard Avenue
Dallas, TX 75206

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Sent by Certified Mail

Re: Notice of Potential Disciplinary Sanction

Dear Dr. McCullough:

Diplomates of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) are a community of physicians who commit to be guided by evidence-based medicine. ABIM grants certification based on the judgment of expert peers who are familiar with the literature and medical practice. Our community holds us accountable for ensuring our standards are met.

You are currently certified by ABIM in Internal Medicine and in Cardiovascular Disease.

ABIM has learned that you have made numerous widely reported and disseminated public statements about the purported dangers of, or lack of justification for, Covid-19 vaccines. For example, in March 10, 2021 testimony before the Texas Senate Committee on Health & Human Services, you stated, among other things, that:

people who have had Covid have “complete and durable immunity”;

there is no “scientific, clinical, or safety rationale for ever vaccinating a Covid-recovered patient”;

the population had already achieved “80%” herd immunity;

there is “no scientific rationale” for healthy people under 50 to receive a Covid vaccine; and

“there is a low degree, if any, of asymptomatic spread . . . you can’t find it.”

Testimony available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAHi3IX3oGM>. Similarly, you asserted in a national television interview that “[t]here is no reason [people who have previously had Covid-19] should take the vaccine.” Transcript of *Ingraham Angle*, Fox News Network, June 29, 2021.

You also have reportedly stated that as many as 50,000 Americans may have died due to Covid-19 vaccines in the first half of 2021. See, e.g., D. Villareal, *7 Doctors at Anti-Vax Summit Catch COVID-19 Despite Touting Ivermectin “Treatment,”* Newsweek, Nov. 23, 2021; K. Krause, *System Sues Vaccine Skeptic*, Dallas Morning News, July 30, 2021; *Alarm Grows as Researchers Warn of Dangers of the COVID-19 Shots*, Mizzima, July 25, 2021. And in another public forum, you reportedly asserted that Covid-19 vaccines are part of “bioterrorism research.” *Moscow COVID Delta Response May Shock Government Officials*, Newstex Blogs, The Duran, June 26, 2021.

In addition, in a declaration submitted in support of the plaintiffs in *State of Louisiana, et al. v. Becerra*, No. 3:21-cv-03970-TAD-KDM (W.D. La.), on November 15, 2021, you declared – after noting your ABIM certification as part of your background (Decl. ¶ 4) – that Covid-19 presents a “negligible risk for adults younger than the age of 60” (Decl. ¶ 9); that “asymptomatic spread [of Covid-19] is trivial and inconsequential” (Decl. ¶ 10); that “[b]ased on VAERS as of October 29, 2021, there were 18,078 COVID-19 vaccine deaths reported,” and that “COVID-19 mass vaccination is associated with at least a 39-fold increase in annualized vaccine deaths reported to VAERS” (Decl. ¶ 29).

ABIM’s “False or Inaccurate Medical Information” policy provides:

While ABIM recognizes the importance of legitimate scientific debate, physicians have an ethical and professional responsibility to provide information that is factual, scientifically grounded, and consensus driven. Providing false or inaccurate information to patients or the public is unprofessional and unethical, and violates the trust that the profession of medicine and the public have in ABIM Board Certification. Therefore, such conduct constitutes grounds for disciplinary sanctions.

See ABIM’s Policies & Procedures for Certification (P&P), a copy of which is enclosed, at p. 19. The P&P is also available on ABIM’s website at www.abim.org.

ABIM’s “Disciplinary Sanction and Appeals” policy further provides that ABIM may impose disciplinary sanctions, including the suspension or revocation of board certification or participation in the certification or Maintenance of Certification processes, invalidation of an examination, or other professional sanctions, if ABIM obtains evidence that in its judgment demonstrates that a candidate or diplomate: (1) has had a license to practice medicine restricted in any jurisdiction, has surrendered a license but continues to hold a valid license in another jurisdiction, or has had one or more licenses suspended or revoked but continues to hold a valid license; (2) engaged in irregular or improper behavior or other misconduct in connection with an ABIM examination; (3) made a material misstatement of fact or omission in connection with ABIM with an application, or misrepresented their board certification or Board Eligibility status with anyone; (4) failed to maintain moral, ethical, or professional behavior satisfactory to ABIM; or (5) engaged in misconduct that adversely affects professional competence or integrity. P&P at p. 18. Licensure restrictions include but are not limited to conditions, contingencies, probation, limitations, and stipulated agreements. See P&P, “Licensure,” at p. 17.

In light of your public statements described above, ABIM’s Credentials and Certification Committee (CCC) will determine on behalf of ABIM, at a meeting to be held no fewer than forty-five days after the date of this Notice, whether to recommend any disciplinary sanction against you. You may make a written submission for the CCC’s consideration in connection with this matter. If any portion of your submission includes patient identifying information, please redact or remove it before sending. Kindly email your submission to ABIM at submissions@abim.org, or fax it to 215-606-4109. Please be advised that the failure to respond timely to this Notice may be considered unprofessional and weighed against you. See P&P at p. 18.

If the CCC recommends a sanction, you will have a right of appeal with a hearing before a panel of physicians designated by ABIM's Board of Directors. For more information about this process, please see the "Disciplinary Sanctions and Appeals" section of the P&P.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Baron". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Richard J. Baron, M.D.
President & CEO

Enclosure