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December 20, 2021

Via Certified Mail and USPS First Class Mail

Benguang Huang

Subject: Notice of Revocation of Registry Identification Card(s)

Dear Benguang Huang

The Maine Department of Administrative & Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy (Department) is responsible for the administration and oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program (MMMP). Protection for authorized conduct requires compliance with the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and program rules. Pursuant to its authority under 22 M.R.S., Chapter 558-C, §2430-F, the Department revokes the following Registry Identification Card(s): CGR29561. Such revocations are effective three (3) calendar days after the date of this notice.

I. Justification for revocation:

The Department's decision to revoke your Registry Identification Card(s) is based on your violation of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act. More specifically, the Department's MMMP field investigation staff have provided the Department with sufficient evidence to demonstrate the following statutory and regulatory violations:

• On February 4, 2021, the Department received an inquiry from Lieutenant Barry Schmieks of Auburn Police Department. Lieutenant Schmieks contacted Field Investigator William Brochu with concerns of an unlicensed marijuana grow at 771 Broad St Auburn. Field Investigator William Brochu responded to the Broad St address to assist. This report outlined a police investigation and subsequent interviews. Field Investigator William Brochu investigated your involvement and determined that you were cultivating medical marijuana at a location not licensed to do so, and you had an individual tending to your plants who was not your registered assistant. You are licensed as a 500 square foot canopy/60-60 plants. Both you and Jung Yen Tsai shared 150 mature plants at the Broad Street address. You also had 58 mature plants at the Conant Street address.

 The investigation determined that on February 4, 2021 you were cultivating medical marijuana at 57 Conant Rd in Turner (your cultivation location of record) and at 771 Broad St in Auburn simultaneously. This is in violation of Title 22: Section 2423-A, 3(B). 2. We interviewed a woman at the Conant Street address who informed us she was assisting you. She was not registered as a Caregiver Assistant. You were employing a person without a Caregiver Assistant card. This is in violation of Title 22 Section 2423 A, 2(I).

For these reasons, your eligibility to participate in the MMMP has been revoked. Please immediately return your Registry Identification Card to:

Department of Administrative & Financial Services Office of Marijuana Policy Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program 162 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0162

II. Registration Revocation and Right to Request an Informal Hearing:

Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. §2430-F, the Department may suspend or revoke a registry identification card for violation of Chapter 558-C and the rules adopted by the Department. A person who has had authorization for conduct under Chapter 558-C revoked due to failure to comply with Chapter 558-C and rules adopted by the Department may request an informal hearing. If you would like to request an informal hearing, please notify the Department in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the revocation effective date at the address information provided above. A request for an informal hearing should be sent to Vernon Malloch, Deputy Director of Operations by email at <u>Vernon.Malloch@maine.gov</u> or USPS at 162 State House Station, 19 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04333-0062. If the Department does not receive a hearing request in accordance with the policy, the revocation becomes final.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Field

Michael W. Field Director of Compliance Office of Marijuana Policy

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