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August 23, 2016

KARYN E. POLITO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Holley A. Thomas 4925 Floral St. Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Re: SIU Investigation No. 9260

Dear Ms. Thomas:

I represent the Massachusetts Division of Insurance ("Division") with regard to the above referenced investigation. The Division has cause to believe that you have violated Massachusetts insurance laws as set forth in summary below.

The Division has determined that you are no longer licensed by your home state, Virginia. Since you are not licensed in your home state you are **ineligible** to be licensed in Massachusetts. *See* M.G.L. c. 175, § 162N.

You are also in violation of multiple other sections of M.G.L. c. 175, § 162R(a). Your alleged misappropriation of funds while employed at Geico violated M.G.L. c. 175, §§ 162R(a)(4), 162R(a)(8) and 162R(a)(9). Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 176D, § 7, these violations subject you to the revocation of your Massachusetts insurance producer license and fines of \$1,000.00 per violation.

At this time, the Division proposes to resolve this matter <u>without fines</u> through a Settlement Agreement if you agree to the revocation of your Massachusetts insurance producer license. If you choose to accept the Division's offer, please sign where provided and return to my attention by September 9, 2016.

This correspondence does not constitute the required statutory notice of a hearing. However, if this matter is not resolved by September 9, 2016, the Division will proceed to an Order to Show Cause and will notify you of the hearing date.

| Thank you for your prompt attention to wish to discuss this matter further, I may be rea | this matter. Should you have any questions or ched at (617) 521-7389. |
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|  | Sincerely,  |
|  | Robert J. Kelly, Esq. Counsel to the Commissioner                     |

Enclosure

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## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Insurance ("Division"), and Holley A. Thomas ("Thomas") licensed as an insurance producer licensed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Commonwealth") and with an address of 4925 Floral Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462.

WHEREAS, Thomas is licensed by the Division as an insurance producer pursuant to M.G.L. c. 175, § 162H *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, an insurance producer licensed in the Commonwealth must uphold the standards in M.G.L. c. 175, § 162H *et seq.* and must comply with the Commonwealth's insurance laws, including without limitation, those set forth in M.G.L. c. 175 & M.G.L. c. 176D; the Code of Massachusetts Regulations; and any other regulatory requirements; each of which give the Commissioner of Insurance review, approval, and enforcement authority over licensees;

WHEREAS, the Division has conducted an investigation, Special Investigation Number 9260, and contends that the acts and conduct of Thomas as set forth in part in Division correspondence dated August 23, 2016 (a copy of which is attached hereto), constitute grounds for revocation of Thomas's insurance license and the imposition of fines;

WHEREAS, Thomas is aware of her rights to notice and to an administrative hearing with respect to the alleged violations of Massachusetts insurance laws in these matters, and hereby waives those rights.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the covenants, warranties, representations, and agreements contained herein, it is mutually agreed as follows:

- 1. Thomas agrees to have her Massachusetts insurance producer license permanently revoked by the Division.
- 2. Thomas agrees to cease and desist from the alleged conduct set forth in the Division's August 23, 2016 correspondence, a copy of which is attached.

- 3. From the effective date of this Agreement, Thomas is prohibited from soliciting, aiding in the placement, continuation, or negotiation of insurance policies or taking any action which may lead any person or entity to believe that they are authorized in the Commonwealth to engage in the business of insurance in any capacity, including without limitation, acting as a licensed insurance producer, special insurance broker, public adjuster, insurance advisor, viatical loan provider, viatical broker, viatical settlement broker or viatical settlement provider, or any other licensed insurance professional.
- 4. Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Agreement, Thomas shall dispose of any and all interest (direct and indirect) she may have, including without limitation, as proprietor, partner, stockholder, officer, director, employee, consultant, or independent contractor of any insurance related business interest that he may hold in the Commonwealth.
- 5. From the effective date of this Agreement, Thomas is prohibited from owning, managing, directing or being an employee, consultant or an independent contractor, partner, director or officer, paid or unpaid, of any insurance related business in the Commonwealth.
- 6. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, the failure of the Division at any time to require strict performance by Thomas of any terms, provisions, or conditions hereof shall in no way affect the right thereafter to enforce the same, nor shall the waiver by the Division of any breach of any of the terms, provisions, and conditions hereof be construed or deemed a waiver of any succeeding breach of any term, provision, or condition thereof.
- 7. In the event that the Division finds that there has been a breach of any provision of this Agreement, the Division may, in its discretion, pursue any and all legal remedies permitted by the Massachusetts insurance laws as well as any other appropriate law of the Commonwealth.
- 8. The provisions of this Agreement may be amended, modified, or expanded solely in writing by joint consent of the Division and Thomas. This Settlement Agreement is a reportable administrative action.

| SIGNED:          |  |
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| Holley A. Thomas | Robert J. Kelly- Division of Insurance |
| Dated:           | Dated:                                 |