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**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
CLAIRE BUTCH  
AND THE  
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between CLAIR BUTCH, hereinafter, "**BUTCH**", and the STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD, hereinafter "**BOARD**", the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code and all rules promulgated thereunder.

**BUTCH** hereby acknowledges that she has read and understands this CONSENT AGREEMENT and has voluntarily entered into it without threat or promise by the **BOARD** or any of its members, employees or agents.

**BUTCH** is fully aware of her rights, including her right to be advised by counsel and her right to a hearing pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code on the issues which are the subject of this CONSENT AGREEMENT. Should **BUTCH** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **BUTCH** knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

1. **BUTCH** is a professional clinical counselor (E-1808) licensed to practice counseling in the state of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of counseling as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757. **BUTCH** received her counselor license on May 20, 1994.

2. After receiving a complaint, the **BOARD** initiated an investigation. On May 29, 2001, **BUTCH** submitted a written letter to the **BOARD** offering to permanently surrender her license to practice counseling.
3. **BUTCH** admits the statements referenced in paragraphs 1 through 2 referenced above.

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any further formal disciplinary proceedings, **BUTCH** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. The **BOARD** will allow **BUTCH** to permanently surrender her license, with the understanding the surrender is in lieu of potential disciplinary action. **BUTCH** will not be allowed to reapply for a counselor license in the State of Ohio.

It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** hereby settles all issues concerning this matter.

By her signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **BUTCH** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **BUTCH** agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** and if this case proceeds to hearing, she will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** or of any information relating thereto.

**BUTCH** hereby releases the members of the **BOARD**, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

This **CONSENT AGREEMENT** shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61 and

Ohio Revised Code Section 2301.373(E), the **BOARD** may be required to provide **BUTCH'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July, 2001, meeting.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the last signature below:

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND  
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

Claire Butch  
Claire Butch

Jane Daroff  
Jane Daroff  
Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

6-4-01  
Date

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Counsel for Ms. Butch

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Date

7/20/01  
Date

Barbara Petrella  
Barbara Petrella, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Counselor and Social Worker Board

7-20-01  
Date