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CERTIFIED MAIL & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Brian Valdez
2801 N Oracle Rd Apt 403
Tuscon, Arizona 85705

RE: Application for Insurance Producer License

Dear Brian Valdez,

This letter is to notify you that your application for licensure as a non-resident insurance producer in South Dakota has been denied. The reason for the denial is as follows:

You submitted an individual non-resident insurance producer license application to the South Dakota Division of Insurance ("Division") on April 2, 2024. On the application, you answered "Yes" to question number 1B concerning criminal history. You provided to the Division information and documentation regarding your 2014 felony conviction of Conspiracy to Distribute a Mixture and Substance Containing a Detectable Amount of Methamphetamine in which you were sentenced to a 31-month prison sentence, 3 years of probation ending in 2019, and imposed a special assessment of \$100 that you paid in January 2024.

Based on the above information, your application is denied based upon SDCL 58-30-167 (2) & (6) and ARSD 20:06:01:03, for violating any insurance laws or rules, subpoena, or order of the director or of another state's insurance director, commissioner, or superintendent; and having been convicted of a felony.

This denial is considered an administrative action and will be reported to the database maintained by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. When an administrative action occurs, an insurance producer may be required to report the action to all states in which an insurance license is held and in accordance with the timeframes and requirements of each state.

Pursuant to SDCL 58-30-168, you may make a written request to the Division of Insurance within thirty (30) days of the date of this denial for a hearing to determine the reasonableness of this decision to deny your application for licensure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Dorschner".

Tony Dorschner
Assistant Director
South Dakota Division of Insurance
Department of Labor and Regulation

Cc: Brivaldez@geico.com