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Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
2nd Floor
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Certificate of Exemption No.001-11 Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Chairman Galassie:

This letter is written in support of the pending Certificate of Exemption application which is referenced above. I would like to express my support for the project. It is my understanding that the facility is currently controlled and managed by a national surgery center chain, and this transaction would bring local control and management to the surgery center. The principal of the planned general partner of the venture is Mr. Ronald E. Osman, who has been active in the community and several area businesses for decades. Most notably, Mr. Osman has experience as one of the individuals originally involved with the development of the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois. Mr. Osman understands the complexities of health care services. He will implement prudent management strategies while maintaining access to services for the community at large. I have known Mr. Osman for over 20 years and have observed his community involvement and business development in Southern Illinois. While I do not have intimate knowledge regarding his daily management of businesses I can tell you he is regarded as being an ethical businessman of the highest integrity. Mr. Osman is also an accomplished attorney and routinely represents the City of Marion in various projects and litigation. I look forward to the Surgery Center being controlled locally as I know it will be professionally managed to provide the highest quality of care.

I thank you for bringing this matter to the public for comment as your rules provide as I appreciate having the opportunity to support Cirurgia Centro as the new manager and general partner of this facility.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Butler
Mayor
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