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**Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
2nd Floor
525 W Jefferson St
Springfield, IL 62761**

RE: Certificate of Exemption No. E-001-11, Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am writing this letter in regard to the above pending Certificate of Exemption for the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois. I am in support of the change of ownership for the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois in Marion from a national surgery center chain to local control and management.

I understand Mr. Ronald E. Osman, who has been involved with the development of the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois, will be the planned general partner. Mr. Osman has been active in the local health care services, along with community and business services, and I think his involvement will be instrumental in maintaining services to the local communities. As a physician in this area now for eight years, I feel Mr. Osman has displayed a dedicated attempt to improve administration of health care in Southern Illinois.

I sincerely appreciate your bringing the matter of change of ownership of the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois to the attention of the public. I understand that the request does not require review by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board because the applicant meets the requirements for an exemption. However, I truly hope that the approval of this transaction will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Shannon Rider, M.D.

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