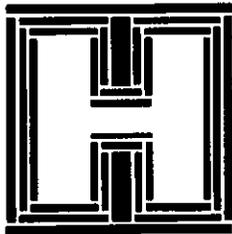


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RE: Certificate of Exemption No. E-001-11,
Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Gentlemen:

This is a letter of support in favor of the above referenced exemption request. I have been associated with Ron Osman professionally and socially since the early 1980's. Ron's honesty, ethics and business abilities are above reproach. When I read in the local paper that Dr. Ahmad stated that he did not trust Mr. Osman, I knew he was really reaching for something to damage him. Ron's opinions are strongly held, but you can always trust his honesty and ethics.

Respectfully Submitted


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