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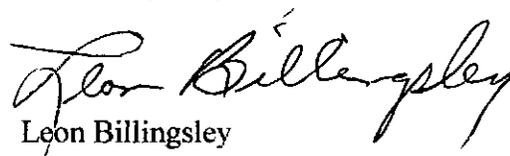
Dear Sir:

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

This is a letter of support in favor of the above referenced exemption request. My name is Leon Billingsley and I became acquainted with Ron Osman about 15 years ago when he purchased some farm ground in Williamson County. I was co-owner of a family owned farm supply business, P & S Grain Co., and Mr. Osman became a good customer. My dealings with him have all been very good and we never had any problems or misunderstandings. I consider him a straight forward person and an extremely knowledgeable businessman.

In 2001 Mr Osman bought my sister in law and her husband's half of the business, at which time my wife and I worked closely with him as co-owners and partners. I found Mr Osman to be one of the most honest and ethical persons I know, and it was a pleasure being a partner with him for the five years until I retired. He has the highest business morals of anyone I know.

Yours very truly,

  
Leon Billingsley

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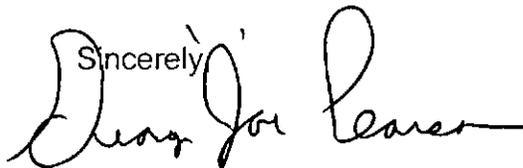
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Re: Certificate of Exemption No. E-001-11; Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Chairman Galassie:

This letter is written in support of the pending Certificate of Exemption application which is referenced above. This transaction contemplates a change of ownership of the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois in Marion. It is my understanding that this request does not require substantive review by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board because the applicant meets the requirements for an exemption. Regardless, I would like to express my support for the project. 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 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. This is a non-controversial transaction from a health planning perspective, and I'm sure the CON Board's approval will be forthcoming in due course.

Sincerely,  


(Must sign and print name and address)

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