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Dale Galassie, Chair
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Re: Certificate of Exemption No. E-001-11, Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Mr. Galassie:

This is submitted in support of the above referenced Certificate of Exemption request.

I have been personally acquainted with Ronald E. Osman, being the individual who is seeking this Exemption, for more than 25 years and I would like to provide to the Board some background information in regard to Mr. Osman.

Mr. Osman practices law in Williamson County, Illinois, as do I. I first met Mr. Osman in the late 1980's when we were each adversaries in a court proceeding. Growing out of that encounter, I realized that this is a man who has a high degree of honor, and who does not play games. He represented his client very well, at the same time, he called the issues like they were and did not waste his client's time or money.

Subsequently, as time went on, we interacted on several other legal matters, and for many years, he and I continued to be on opposing sides, and often on the same side in matters. Mr. Osman epitomizes the underlying theme of our attorney's professional code. He represents his clients to the full extent of the law, but at the same time, he provides representation in an ethical manner. I know from many experiences that he always places his clients number one, and would never even think of preferring himself over his clients and he unfailingly practices in that manner.

Further, I have grown to know Mr. Osman personally. I have 100% faith in him as a human being who always does what is right. If you knew him, you would quickly see that due to

his conscience, he has no choice other than always doing it right no matter what the costs may be to himself. I have personally witnessed Mr. Osman on many occasions making immediate decisions that were to his financial detriment, but which were based upon his high sense of doing what is right. It is automatic to him.

Should you have any question or comments, you are very welcome to contact me. I highly support Mr. Osman's Exemption request. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Wolf, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Thomas J. Wolf, Jr.

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