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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.

I feel the staff, at the surgery center is the heart of the center and this includes not only the doctors but also everyone, as no one is more important than the other. The Surgery Center of Southern Illinois is an asset not only to me as a Podiatrist but also to the patients that are able to come through their doors.

I thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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