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Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board
2nd Floor
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

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 Service Review Board because the applicant meets the requirements for an exemption. Regardless, I would like to express my support for the project. I have been employed at the Surgery Center in Marion going on three years. In those three years I have seen and heard nothing but how great our patient care is. Our patients love it here and know that when they walk in the door they will be given the best patient care possible from admitting to discharge. The surgery center works together as a team and also acts as a family. Although in the three years that I have been employed there I have been through a emotional rollercoaster. A certain Partner has done everything possible to make the surgery center fail. My hours have been cut and continue to be, while others lost their job. My family has suffered because of the actions of one person a partner that took his cases to his own surgery center to destroy the surgery center in Marion IL. I'm supporting the Surgery Center and continue to fight to get past this because you could not find a better place to work and you will not find a Surgery Center that provides excellent care and goes far and beyond to service the community and surrounding areas in Southern Illinois. 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. 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 the 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.

Sincerely,
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