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Dale Galassie, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
525 West Jefferson St  
Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am writing this letter in support of the pending certificate of exemption application which is referenced above. I am one of the limited partners in the surgery center. Years ago, I was the medical director of this facility. We do the majority of our surgery at the Surgery Center. I am supporting the transfer of ownership of the Surgery Center in Marion, Illinois to Ronald Osman through his LLC named Cirurgia Centro. The surgery center has taken excellent care of our patients and will continue to provide excellent care in the future if this transfer is allowed to transpire. I have future needs for the services of a surgery center, and I look forward to being able to continue to utilize the Marion Surgery Center.

It is come to my attention that another physician who presently owns 30% of the limited partnership is attempting to sabotage the transfer. He is presently mass mailing his entire patient's and multiple physicians in the area in an attempt to write letters of support opposing the project. His aim is simply to obtain control of the other 61% of the ownership leaving him with 91% control of the Surgery Center. This would leave the surgery center as his private ophthalmology surgery center with him as absolute control of all the procedures performed. This would leave the remaining surgeons no choice but to take our patients elsewhere.

I thank you for bringing this matter to the public for comment as your rules provide is I appreciate having the opportunity to support Cirurgia. Centro as a new manager in general partner at this facility

Sincerely,

Paul B Juergens MD

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