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To Whom It May Concern:

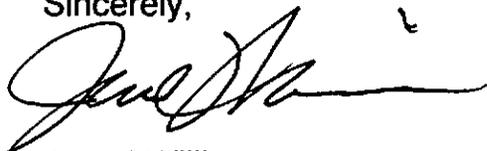
It has come to my attention that Maqbool Ahmad, M.D. has recently signed a letter of intent to purchase the Marion Eye Center so that the present surgeons can continue to provide surgery there and add additional retina services. However, the sale to Dr. Ahmad is being undermined by a healthcare entity that has applied to the Illinois Health Planning Board for a certificate of need that, if approved, would force the surgeons at the Center to have to do surgery out of the Marion area.

I chose treatment by the staff of the Marion Eye Center for the macular degeneration and glaucoma that I experience in part due to the location of the Center in close proximity to where I live and due also to the fine reputation the staff there have in treating visual conditions, especially those that may require retinal surgery such as what effects my vision. If that staff had to relocate out of the immediate area, it would certainly cause a hardship to me as well as many others I know who receive treatment at Marion for their visual impairments. This hardship would involve not only travel considerations, but would possibly cause me to have to rely on new doctors for treatment, a possibility I do not want to have to deal with.

I strongly encourage your support in taking whatever steps are necessary to assure that the Marion Eye Center and the present staff now working there stay located in Marion, instead of allowing a non-healthcare entity be allowed to purchase the Center and relocate the staff away from Marion.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me. I thank you for your understanding and assistance with assuring that the Marion Eye Center and its staff of top notch professionals remain located in Marion.

Sincerely,



Jerold Williams

03-23-11

Gentlemen:

I'm 88 years old + need and want the  
Marion Eye Center in Marion:

Sincerely,

NAME: Kenneth L. Atwood

ADDRESS: 12043 Route 37

Marion, Del. 62959

PHONE NUMBER: 618-993-3448

03-23-11

Gentlemen:

To whom it may concern: I'm 88 years old &  
want & need the Marion Eye Center here in Marion.

yours truly,

Juanita B. Samuels  
1305 West Mack Ave.  
Marion, Illinois 62029

3-14-11

Marion Life Center  
P.O. Box 1178  
Marion IL 62959-9938

to whom it may concern

We just recently heard of the possibility  
of your moving out of the Marion  
Area. My wife and I have both  
used this location.

If you move this will be undesirable  
for us since Marion location is convenient

Sincerely

Gene + Peggy Best

~~Gene + Peggy Best~~



Juanita F. Cummins  
Apt. 10C  
1209 E 5th St.  
Metropolis, IL 62960-2385

To Whom it may Concern, March 15, 2011  
Referring to the Marion Eye Center,

The eye center is needed so very much in Marion, Ill.

A lot of patients and future patients love the fact that it is close to us, who live outside of Marion, Ill. as it is not a long drive to get there.

Also very convenient for those who do live in Marion, Ill.

If the Doctors had to leave Marion Eye Center and move elsewhere, a lot of Senior Citizens will not be able to travel farther than Marion, Ill.

The community will lose very wonderful Doctors & Nurses as well as other staff members.

This is a Medical Building setup with Surgical Doctors & Nurses, what does a Non-Healthcare-Non-Physician entity want with a place that has served this area for so many, many years?

We ~~need~~ the people outside of Marion, Ill. & the people in Marion, Ill. Need This

EYE Center where it is,

No where else.

We the people need it to stay where it is.

Its a wonderful place with great Doctors, Surgeons & Staff

I have had Eye Surgery through the Marion Eye Center, Thank God it was so close and so easy to go through.

A lot of my friends and people I worked with in the area (before my retirement) have had surgery through the Marion Eye Center, who say it was so easy & convenient there.

Please let the Marion Eye Center stay where it is We need it.

Thank You  
Juanita H. Cummings  
1209 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St Apt 10C  
Metropolis, Ill. 62960

To the Motion Surgery Center.

I am not much on writing letters but I would certainly not want the Surgery center to be sold to someone who is not our friend. I am 84 years old and would not and could not go out of town for surgery. I think it should stay like it is so our surgeons can continue operation here. also the ones working there can keep their jobs I had my eye surgery there and was very satisfied



Ms Violet Wooten  
PO Box 85  
Colp IL 62921-0085

Violet Wooten

We need our surgery center  
as there is a lot of patients that have  
no transportation for along drive  
especially St. Louis Area. and who  
wants to be seen by new doctors  
not me. I wouldn't go through with  
it all over again. No we want our  
surgery center so let Dr. Ahmad take  
it over. So everyone can be at ease.

Can't be at meeting  
due to work

(Thank you)

Beverly K. Doty

a patient of Dr. Ahmad  
Dr. Oak and Dr. Weinbaum  
and have also seen  
Beth Westell in West Hartford

I very much oppose it!!!!  
a non-physician - non-health care entity purchasing  
the current Marion Eye Care Center in Marion, IL  
is just wrong! Smacks of greed to me. We need the  
office (Surgeon) in Marion and the office in Carbondale.  
I love this office & all that work there,  
I'm disabled, 69 yrs. old and do not ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> insurance!!!!  
Please - Please do the right thing -

Jeri Lynn Compton

Gentleman:

As a Patient of Marion Eye  
Centre. I CAN tell you first Hand,  
How important a Close By Sugary Centre  
is needed. Just the Cost of transport  
is way too much, not to mention Having  
Someone to DRIVE you. Let these  
Doctors HAVE their Center, I CAN  
only Be a Beneficial to Every Body  
maybe even to you

Sincerely

Darryl Carlson

This is Heather and Cody  
Carlson. My Husband goes to the  
marion eye center in Marion and it  
is the nearest place for him to get his  
eye surgery, he is a diabetic and will go  
blind without this place! He loves all of  
the staff members (sodot) They are very  
professional and considerate to our needs. They  
all know who cody is and I (we) like that in  
a company! The Drs. There are nice as well  
and compassionate. This letter is for  
the help of M. E. C. all over! Especially in  
Marion, we also go to Vienna to get our eye  
visions tested so we can get glasses.

Thank you,

Heather Carlson

Cody Carlson

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

OUR PLEA IS SIMPLE. WE ARE 77 YEARS OLD. WE ALREADY TRAVEL 92 MILES ROUND TRIP FOR EYE RELATED SURGERY BY DOCTORS WE KNOW AND TRUST.

WE JUST ASK PLEASE LET OUR OPTICAL SURGERY FACILITY REMAIN IN THIS BUILDING ALONG WITH THE MANY SPECIALIZED SURGEONS AND NEWLY HIRED RETINA SPECIALISTS.

PLEASE RECONSIDER THE DECISION TO PURCHASE THIS BUILDING.

THANK YOU FOR READING OUR LETTER.

Rudolph & Dora Amat

3/18/11

Dear Sir

We need Maion  
Eyes Centers. My  
Wife has had stroke  
in 2009. if it  
was not for  
Maion Eye Centers  
My Wife would not  
be able to see today  
and with Maion Eye  
Centers at Maion  
she would not be  
able to go, it would  
be very convenient  
for her.

Maion Eye Centers is  
vitaly needed here  
in this area

if The City Council  
Let them go, Not Only  
Will there be job loss  
A lot of people may  
Not be able to see  
A Eye Dr.

We need them.  
They are Great Dr.  
Very kind to their  
patients (if it was not  
for these Doctors my  
Wife would be Blind)  
We need them Marion  
Eye Center for Donna Henson  
is not able to travel very  
far at one time

We need Surgery Centes

Thank You Ellen & Donna Henson

Heaven father.

We thank You and  
praise You Lord God  
for Mason Eye Center  
And a pray of protection  
over Mason Eye Center  
And the Doctor and all  
who work there.

Thank You Lord Jesus for  
keeping Mason Eye Center  
in Mason, I ask You Lord Jesus  
to send Your Holy Spirit  
and Holy Angels around  
them in Jesus Name  
Amen

P.A. We will also  
be pray for  
Mission Eye Center  
Everyday.  
We have put them  
on our pray list  
to day.