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Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: IHFPB Project #E-001-11
Surgery Center of Southern Illinois, Marion

Dear Mr. Galassie:

In correspondence dated April 1, 2011, Philip Schaefer of our organization expressed the support of Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) for a transfer of ownership of the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois to Ronald Osman, Principle.

Since that letter, some members of SIH medical staffs and SIH board members have expressed concerns related to SIH's support of that project. Given this situation, I regret to inform you that I must withdraw the letter of support for the above change of ownership at this time. Rather, Southern Illinois Healthcare is neutral on this certificate of exemption request and the subsequent change of ownership.

I apologize for any inconvenience that our letter may have caused for the Board and thank you for your hard work on behalf of the state of Illinois.

Sincerely,

Rex P. Budde
President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Philip L. Schaefer, Vice President
William Sherwood, Chief Legal Counsel
Jeffrey Parks, MD, Chairman, SIH Board of Trustees

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