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May 17, 2011

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 W. Jefferson St.
Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Certificate of Exemption – E-1001-11 – Surgery Center of Southern IL

Attached are 17 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

From
Marion Eye
Center

5/13/11

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center of S.I.

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center of S.I. located in Mazon, IL. I do not believe this facility should be owned & operated by a non-physician. This is not the best for patients. A surgery center should be operated by a physician.

From my understanding that Dr. Ahmad was in the process of purchasing the facility

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wenter

154 Richards Lane
Murphree IL 62966

5/13/11

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

To whom it May Concern,

I understand that the Surgeons of the Marion Eye Center will not do surgery in Marion if the Surgery center is sold to Mr. Osman. Many patients will then have to travel farther to have their Surgery. This is a hardship on the patients and the community will suffer.

I oppose this certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Amy Gould

1009 Marlinda Ave
Murphyboro, IL 62466

Dear Sir:

I oppose the certificate of need
that this attorney is requesting.

The care of this surgery center should
be left in the hand of physician
not an attorney.

Sincerely

James Larry Powell

2112 Logan St

Murphyboro, IL 62964

To Whom it may concern,

I oppose the application for a
certificate of need exemption that was
filed by an ~~other~~ attorney - We need
this here - especially ~~over~~ me close to
my home in Grand Tower. It is too
expensive & gas is too high -

Sincerely -

Luey

Robertson

Grand tower, Ill

PO Box 294

Grandtower

ILL 62942

To Whom it may Concern:

I am against this Mr. Osmer ever trying to buy Dr. Orrod out, we need a surgeon like Dr. Orrod in Southern Illinois. This would be a hardship on patients in this vicinity to have to travel far.

I am against this Lawyer trying to do this thing

Patient Kathleen Henes
2112 Illinois Ave
Murphysboro, Ill 62946

5/11/11

To Whom It May Concern:

We want the Surgery Center in
Maion to stay in Maion. There
are several patients that could not make
the travel to Mt. Vernon. Please help
Dr. Ahmad keep the Center in Mt. Vernon.

Thank you

Selma von Zimmerman

Selma Zimmerman
307 E. Bower St
Ava, IL 62907

Dear Board Members

I and many in my family have used this Surgery Center I do hope you take our needs into consideration it would be a hardship for all of us not to have this center

Thomas E. Morris

2013 Lindell St.

Murphysboro, ILL 62966

Ill. Health Planning Board
Re: Surgery Center, Marion, Ill
To Whom It May Concern.

I am opposing the Certificate of Need
Exemption for the above medical surgery
center in Marion, Ill. In our community
in southern Illinois it is not for
the best interest of patients. If
surgery centers should not be
owned and operated by an attorney.
The facility should be operated by a
medical professional.

Please review and consider ~~this~~
when ~~considering~~ reviewing this
for certification of need.

Sincerely,
Katherine B. ~~Rowald~~
Rowald

431 Murphy St
Murphysboro, Ill 62966

5/11/11

I feel that all of our services are leaving our southern Illinois communities. Leaving us to travel over 100 miles to get essential care for our families. This is just one more provider being forced to relocate from Southern Ill. where we are already sparsely supplied with adequate health providers. I don't want Dr. Ahmad to leave my area of Southern Illinois.

Brittini M. Huff
412 S 5th St
Murphysboro, IL
62966

To: Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing in opposition to the purchase of the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois by Ronald Osman. I believe it is in the best interest of the community and patients of the surgical center that this center be owned/operated by a physician. A non-physician would not have the medical knowledge and may not have the medical care of the patients at primary focus.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kristy Dunning

Kristy Dunning
2368 Watt Hill Rd
Murphysboro IL 62926

5/12/11

To Whom it may Concern
We do not want to lose our Marion Eye Center
It is hard enough just to travel to Murphy shore
Please reconsider our request

Irene Nimmo

P.O. BOX 337

Grand Tower IL
62942



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Eric Weinbauer, O.D. • Beth Westell, O.D.

Dear Patients,

As you may already know, my plans to purchase the Marion surgery center (where we do surgery here in Marion, not the office), were thwarted when a local attorney, Ronald Osman, went around me and negotiated a deal to purchase the very same surgery center I was in the process of buying. However, given the importance of ensuring there is access to quality healthcare in the community, this change of ownership must be approved by a state board called the Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

I am opposing this change of ownership and invite you to do the same if you believe, as I do, that this change of ownership would impair access to healthcare in Marion and the surrounding communities, rather than improve it or even maintain it. In deciding whether or not to oppose this project, I feel it is important for you to understand why I oppose the sale of Marion Surgery Center to Mr. Osman.

I do not trust Ronald Osman. I have had prior business dealings with Mr. Osman. He was, infact, my attorney. Despite being my attorney, he filed a lawsuit against me using the same information which he provided to me as my attorney, which was thrown out, but not before Mr. Osman was removed from the case by the Judge. There is an ethical rule for lawyers that basically says: you don't file lawsuits against your own clients. Mr. Osman did. Mr. Osman also took steps to buy this surgery center out from under me. His reputation for putting the best interests of the community speaks for itself - but I will also add that I believe a doctor's practice should be controlled by doctors - not lawyers - and should be focused on the best care for the patients.

It is difficult for me to say this, but if this change of ownership is approved, I will not continue to provide services at this surgery center. I am committed to provide care to you, my patients, and want to continue to provide access to quality healthcare at the surgery center near your home and in your community. However, I do not trust Ronald Osman and I cannot operate in the surgery center where he is the owner and in charge.

If you agree that this Change of Ownership would harm access to healthcare in Marion and the surrounding communities more than it would benefit it, please join me in opposing this project. Your written comments, typed or handwritten, should be sent to our address in the enclosed return envelope.

Martha Rodgers
P.O. Box 202
Morley, MO 63767

*Dr. Ahmad is the Best - I will not
go anywhere He does not work -
This ownership would not enhance the
Marion Eye Center
Martha Rodgers*

To Whom it may concern,

We would love to see the Mariow Eye
Clinic stay in Mariow. My husband
had surgery there and we were
very pleased with the outcome and
with Dr. Ahmad. Thanks

Nancy Boeker

Nancy Boeker
11540 Creek Road
Carlyle, IL 62231

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the certificate of need exemption this attorney is requesting.

The care of surgery should be left in the hands of doctors not attorneys.

Sincerely,
Terrie Rivera
5/11/11

Terrie Rivera
306 N. Lewis St.
Sparta, IL 62286

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

To Whom It May Concern;

The surgeons of Marion Eye Center will not be able to do surgery if the Marion center is sold to Mr. Assman. As a patient I would have to travel alot farther to have any surgeries done. This is a hardship on me and the community as a hole.

I oppose this certificate of need.

Thank You
Patti Nimmo

Patti Nimmo

P.O. Box 299

Grand Tower, IL 62942

If who this my concern I
have been a patient at the
Murphysboro, Eye center for
along time. Last year 2018
I was told I would more
than likely have to have
surgery on my eyes and it would
be done by Dr Ahmad at
Morton. Now I have been told
this my not happen because
he may not own the building
at my age 68 I will have
to have another doctor and
start all over with someone
I don't know and doesn't me.
I really hope this doesn't
happen so. I am doing my
bit to say keep fighting I hope
you win.

Linda N. Hagler

Linda Hagler

25 B J Circle

Murphysboro, IL 62966

Sir,

Word travels fast & when I heard that this nonsense, as in a non-doctor taking over the surgery center, I felt disappointed & could not see why you would let this crazy thing happen - it needs to be left as is while the community is so happy with it. Thank you for your time. I hope you agree.

Sharon Markwardt
1144 S. Washington
Nashville, IL 62263

Sharon
Markwardt