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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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May 18, 2011

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

RE: **LETTERS OF OPPOSITION** - Certificate of Exemption - E-1001-11 -  
Surgery Center of Southern IL

Attached are 20 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Hart".

Cheryl Hart

**Ref: Marion Surgery Center**

**Dear Sir:**

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

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

**Sincerely,** *Reta VanMatre*

Reta VanMatre  
340 S. Kitchen  
Dexter, MO 63841

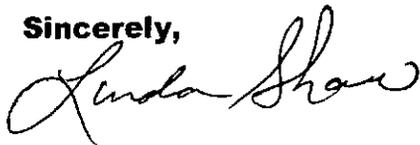
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**The care of this surgery center should be left in the hand of physicians not an attorney.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Shaw". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Linda Shaw  
908 E. Gregory  
Marion, IL 62959

May 11, 2011

To whom it may concern,

I have heard the Marion Surgery Center is in discussion of being purchased. The community would be devastated and people would have to drive further away. Dr Ahmad is a great doctor and we would like for him to stay. Do not allow this to happen

Thank you,

Delores Schrage

Delores Schrage  
203 S. Plum St.  
Breese, IL 62230

Board Members,

I feel that Dr Ahmad should keep the surgery center. He has done a great job helping my family members. It's so helpful having a center to have surgery. I don't like going to hospitals for out-pt surgery. And I feel better having physicians running a center then a lawyer. Thank you for reading my letter.

Cynthia Schrage

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203 S. Plum St.

Breese, IL 62230

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**Dear Sir:**

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

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

**Sincerely,**

*Richard  
Bumann*

Richard Bumann  
320 N. Euclid  
Marissa, IL 62257

Dear Sir,

I do not approve of the Lauger  
Owning the office, the doctors  
should own it

Kelly Ritchey

Kelly Ritchey  
550 W. Third St.  
Beckemeyer, IL 62219

To Whom It May Concern,

I have learned that an attorney in our area is trying to purchase the Marion Surgery Center. We do not need ownership decisions being made by someone that does not have healthcare as their main focus. The Marion Eye Center doctors do a great job and we need to keep them doing surgery in our town.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Johnson*

*I had my surgery at the Mt. Vernon location all the staff and Dr Ahmad were more than you could hope for. If I had to do it again I would choose Dr Ahmads Center.*

Lisa Johnson  
1208 ½ E. Main  
West Frankfort, IL 62896

To Whom it May Concern: 5-14-11

We feel that the change of ownership of the Marion Surgery Ctr. would be a harmful move for Marion as well as surrounding areas.

The surgery center is in a convenient location and does provide excellent care to patients. My husband had surgery done twice and we were well satisfied.

Thank You  
William L & Tona L Bryant  
Anna, IL.



Ms. Tina Bryant  
808 E Davie St  
Anna IL 62906

May 11, 2011

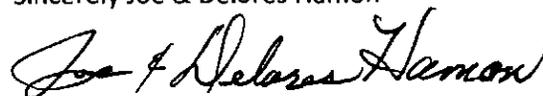
Marion Eye Centers & Optical  
C/O Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

My wife and I are grateful for the service she received at the Marion Eye Center. One evening as she retired for bed she had a flashing in her eye. The next day I insisted that she go to the Marion Eye Center located at Harrisburg, Illinois. While there, Dr. Hall discovered that she had a torn retina and sent her immediately to Dr. Ahmad. He then advised us because it was a week end that she either could go to St. Louis or wait until Monday for the surgery at the Marion Surgery Center. She opted for surgery at Marion by Dr. Olk. A few weeks later, because of the surgery she had to have a cataract removed by Dr. Ahmad. My point being that if Dr. Ahmad had not been there my wife could have possibly lost her sight in her right eye.

My understanding is that if this building is purchased by Mr. Osman that these services will not be provided. I do not think that the people of Southern Illinois deserve this loss. It would mean that we would have to drive much farther for the same excellent service. We have been completely satisfied with the way we have been treated. I am afraid that if Dr. Ahmad were removed from this facility that the type of eye care we have been accustomed to would be put in jeopardy.

We sincerely hope that those involved will seriously consider this sale and agree that only Dr. Ahmad and his staff belongs there.

Sincerely Joe & Delores Hamon



R.R. #1 Box 135-1  
Golconda, Illinois 62938

TO Who it may Concern:

I Gary Tucker am oposed to the purchase of Marion Surgery Center by Ronald Osman. I think doctors should have the controll of their business not some money grubbing lawyer who knows nothing about medical issues. I have used Dr. Magbool Ahmad for some time with an eye problem. I have just recently went to another retina specilist for a second opinion, this doctor came very highly recommended, his findings were that Dr. Ahmad had done an exelent job with my eye. Now i feel if a lawyer or any one else was calling the shots as a lawyer would I would not have got the care I received.

Thanks Gary Tucker

573-421-7431

10146 State Hwy. J

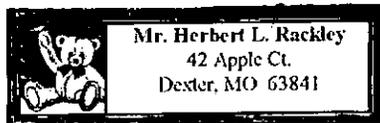
Puxico Mo. 63960

P.S.

From what I have heard of Ron Osman he is not to be trusted, and he cares about no one but him.

Your different offices are convenient & the service is the best in  
this area. I appreciate doing business with Marion eye center.  
I have had several surgeries and I depend on your service.  
All the staff are courteous, polite & know their job.

Sincerely  
Herb Rackley



I have used Merion eye for twelve years & I depend on their  
service, we need Merion eye centers but as it is of now -  
with no change in ownership,

Sincerely  
Donna Henderson



Donna Henderson  
41 Apple Ct.  
Dexter, MO 63841

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board  
RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois located in Marion, IL. I do not believe this facility should be owned and operated by a non-physician. It is not in the best interest for patients and the community. A surgery center should be operated by a physician with medical knowledge and who does the surgeries at this facility. It is my understanding that Dr. Ahmad was in the process of purchasing this facility when an attorney became interested in this property.

Please consider this when making your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dolan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Dolan  
PO Box 696  
Bloomfield MO  
63825

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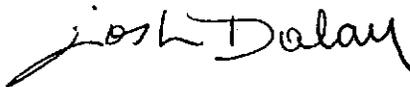
Dear Members of the Board,

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I oppose this certificate of need.

Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,



Josh Dolan  
PO Box 696  
Bloomfield MO  
63825

IL Healthcare Planning Board  
RE: Marion Surgery Center, Marion IL

To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the Certificate of Need for the surgery center located in Marion, IL. It has been brought to my attention that a non-physician attorney has filed this Certificate of Need Exemption. I cannot see how this would be in the best interest of patients and the community. It is my understanding that Dr. Maqbool Ahmad was in the process of purchasing this surgery center when an attorney, Ron Osman, became interested in the property. I do not agree with this application for an attorney to own and operate this surgery center.

Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Thank you,

*Cassandra Dolan*

*Cassandra Dolan  
PO Box 696  
Bloomfield MO,  
63825*

IL Healthcare Planning Committee

Re: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board,

I oppose the application for a Certificate of Need Exemption for the surgery center located in Marion, IL. I believe a physician should own and operate this facility. I have been a patient of Dr. Ahmad's and know that he has always done surgeries at this facility and was in the process of purchasing this surgery center. Somehow in the process of Dr. Ahmad signing the papers, an attorney, Ron Osman, went behind him and filed for this exemption. I do not believe Mr. Osman should own and operate this facility. Dr. Ahmad and the other doctors that work with Dr. Ahmad have been doing surgeries at this surgery center for many years. I understand that they will no longer do surgery at this facility if Ron Osman should get this exemption. I do not believe that the best interest of patients and the community is what this attorney is most interested in.

I hope that you will take all things into consideration before making any decision to let Ron Osman, a non-physician, purchase and operate this facility.

Thank you,

Cynthia L. Dolan

Cynthia Dolan  
PO Box 696  
Bloomfield MO  
63825

Planning Board of IL Healthcare

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Madam/Sirs of the Board:

We are in an underserved area for doctors for eye care. Marion Eye Center is doing a great job. Keep them with the surgery center.

Thank you,

NAME: Betty Barlow

ADDRESS: 607 West Belmont

Cam Ill

PHONE NUMBER: 1-618-382-5460

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Having a Marion Eye Center Surgery Center in Marion would be very helpful. Anyone needing eye surgery usually need help with transportation. It would be more convenient for everyone involved.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pauline Broeking".

Pauline Broeking  
509 South Future  
Marion, Il 62959

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I oppose this certificate of need.

Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

*Madonna Williams Oakdale Ill.  
618-329-5758*

*Ronald F Williams Oakdale, Ill  
618-329-5758*

*Mr. Ronald Osman has no business in Dr Ahmad's business  
We have all been helped by Dr. Ahmad in our family  
and trust only him with our eye sight from my mother, aunt  
husband and myself plus a lot of people I've sent to him.*

Dr. Ahmad

It sounds like Mr. Osman has a axe to grind against you, if you was in the process of buying this center then who ever you are dealing with should be the one that is in error.

It use to be a man's word was his bond, it has always been and will always be, greed rule's many. I believe the Marion center would serve many, such as my self.

to operate under the thumb of a adversary is not a good place to be. and I must quote King Solomon's words "They that dig a ditch for another shall fall therein themselves."

Patient Ed Davy

WFF Ill.

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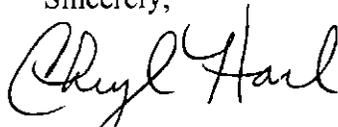
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Attached are 21 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Harl". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Cheryl Harl

5-16-11

To Whom it May Concern,

Please keep Marion surgery center under doctors not attorneys. Attorneys are great people but this sounds like a personal problem and will not help people. This should not be a battle but help people get good care and close to home.

Thank You  
Linda Hartman  
1407 Court St  
Chester Pa 19223

5-16-11

I can assure you, that every person that  
you have treated, is very satisfied, & know I can't  
see why a lawyer would want control, I hope things work out  
for you, you have helped with the fight of many.

Idelms Bierman

110 Wedge Dr

Chester ~~PA~~ PA 19380

5-16-11

To whom it may concern:

I don't think a attorney should  
manage & eye care center.

Paul Ligon  
150 East mile  
Sumner 62278

5-17-11

I would like Dr. Ahmad to buy  
the surgery center in Marion. I had  
a great experience there. It should be  
in the hands of a great dr.

Kathy Hustedde  
121 9th  
Chester, SE.

Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board.

To whom it May Concern:

I have been informed that a local attorney is trying to purchase Marion Eye Surgical Center. I am opposed to this purchase - given that the current Marion Eye Center physicians will not continue to provide care in this location if Mr. Osman purchases the center. These physicians offer a valuable service to the residents of So. Ill. and they may be forced to seek care in neighboring states such as Mo, Ky or Indiana. I don't believe that residence of all should have to go elsewhere for their medical care.

Sincerely,

Patricia Haberberger

604 Branch St

Elkhart Grove IL 62241

1-17-11

I support Dr. Ahmad to purchase  
the surgery center in Marion IL.

Helen Moskodauz

P.O. Box 182

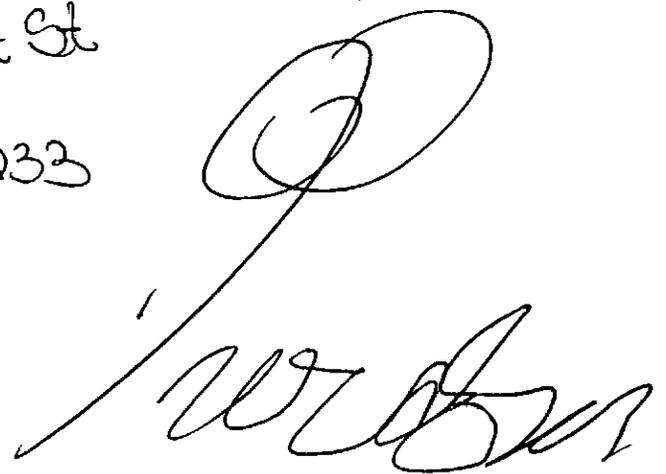
Cutler, IL. 62238

To whom it may concern,

I support Dr. Ahmad in buying  
the surgery center.

Mr. Richard,

2310 Light St  
Chester Se  
62233



5-17-11

I support Dr Ahmad in purchasing  
the surgery center in Marion. I am  
in poor health and would like surgeries  
closer to my home.

Barlene Weber  
Three Springs Nursing Home  
Chester, Del 62233

To whom it may concern

5-17-11

I support Dr Ahmad in purchasing  
the surgery center in Marion. A doctor  
should own a surgery center not an  
attorney

Rita Lashley  
138 Koeneman Ave Apt C  
Chester SE, 62233

I Oppose that <sup>Mr. Osman</sup> ~~Dr. Ahmad~~ should buy  
Practice at Marion eye center should continue to

Thank you

Kalra Rana

5-17-2011  
727 Tom St  
Malden, MO.  
63863

May 17, 2011

I oppose Mr Osman buying the Marion Surgery Center. People would have to drive farther and with the gas prices it just isn't feasible for people on a fixed income like my grandmother who's a patient at Marion Surgery Center.

4124 N. OIK  
Campbell, Mo.  
63933

Thank you,  
Samantha Truizer

5-17-11

I oppose what Ronald Osman is doing.

I agree with Dr. Magbool Ahmad.

Jalilose Haris

10739 Kinder Dr.  
Dovico, MO.  
63960

I oppose the purchase of Marion  
Surgery Center in Marion  
by Ronald Asman.

Brenda L. Mason  
212 Hart St.  
Dexter, MO 63841

I oppose the Change in  
ownership of Marion Surgery  
Center.

Christi Vickers

5-17-11

512 medler

Bernie, mo.

63822

5-17-11

I opposing against it

Richard Basing

312 Ivan  
Dexter, MO.

63841

I Donna Newell opposed the change of ownership.  
ship.

Donna Newell  
5-17-11

18918 State Hwy m  
Bloomfield, mo.  
63825

5-17-11

I want Dr. Ahmed to purchase the  
Surgery Center.

Tony [Signature]  
20529 St Hwy J  
Malden, MA, 02148

Law opposing this channel  
of ownership

5-17-11

Tanning Manes  
43353 Forkum Rd  
Malden, MO.

63863

5-17-11

I oppose - Barbara Burr  
616 TOM St.  
Malden MA 02148

I apose The new ownership. Woud like doctor AHMAP to continue  
his services there

5-17-11

Steven Bowling

13450 CR 284

Bloomfield MO.

63825

I oppose the new ownership of  
The Marion Eye Center

Louis H. Womack

5-17-2011

502 South Lewis

Dexter, Mo.

63841

I am opposing the change of  
new ownership.

Mary J. Jarner

5-17-11

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Bernie, Mo.

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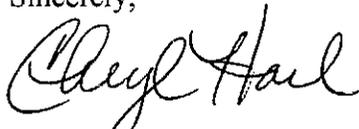
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Cheryl Harl

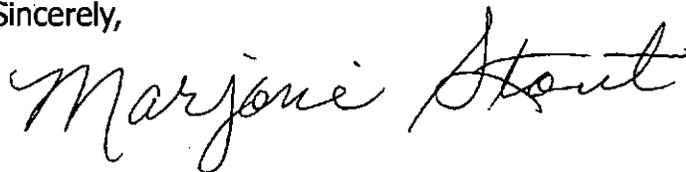
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The Marion Eye Center has been in our towns for many years. Many patients both young and old go to them and have appreciated the convenience of having them in our community. It is not easy to get physicians and especially surgeons to come to a depressed area like ours. If this non-healthcare entity is allowed to operate the surgery center, which I might add has primarily kept its doors open due to the Marion Eye Center surgeons, I am fearful it will fail. We have seen many business closures and do not need another.

I oppose issuing a certificate of need to this entity and do not believe it is in the best interest of the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Stout". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Marjorie Stout  
18 Sullivan Lane  
Mounds, IL 62964

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,

Chloe Pratt  
P.O. Box 233  
Tamm, IL 62988

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chloe Pratt". The signature is written in black ink and is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

Dear Board Members,

I would like to voice my concern about Mr. Osman's request for a Certificate of Need. Although I don't know much about this process, I assume it is your responsibility to make a decision based on what is good for patients. The Marion Eye Center has been in Southern Illinois for the past 30 years. This has made it possible for the elderly and those of us on fixed incomes to be able to have surgery close to home. If the doctors no longer feel like they can do surgery here in Marion due to this request then many, especially the elderly, will have to travel to have surgery.

I hope you will make your decision on what is best for the patients.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Respectfully,

*Andrea Moore*

Andrea Moore  
31 N. Henderson  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Ladies and Gentleman of the Board:

I have heard that an outside party is trying to purchase the Marion Surgery Center and that the Marion Eye Center doctors will no longer do surgery there. I think this sale is not a good idea for many reasons. First of all patients are going to follow their doctors, they have faith in them, that is the reason you choose a doctor. This will be inconvenient for patients and also takes business out of our community. I am told that the person that will own the center is a local attorney; I question why a malpractice attorney would want to buy and operate any health care business. My last concern is that the surgery center will fail, it obviously will not work at the capacity it did when the Marion Eye Center doctors were doing surgery there. I believe that the majority of the surgery that has been done there for years has been performed by these well respected surgeons. For these reasons and many others, I ask that you deny the exemption.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred W. Brown".

Fred W. Brown  
722 Palace Drive  
Pinckneyville, IL 62274

May 16, 2011

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir:

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

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

Sincerely,

Lela M. Brown

Lela Brown  
P.O. Box 519  
708 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Advance, MO 63730

To: Illinois Health Planning Board

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Distinguished Member OF The Board:

I am writing this letter to express my deep concern regarding issuing a certificate of need to Mr. Osman.

We need to keep the services of the Marion Eye Center in Marion. These services which have expanded over the last 33 years are very vital to many in our community but especially the elderly. It will be a hardship on our elderly population to have to travel out of our area for surgery. This impacts them both financially and physically.

I understand why the surgeons do not feel comfortable continuing their service if this facility is operated by an attorney that may not have healthcare as his main priority. Healthcare is better handled by expert in their field which are physicians not attorneys.

As expressed in my concerns which I have state above, I ask that you not grant the requested Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmie D. Myers". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Jimmie D. Myers  
1560 N. Frisco  
Chaffee, MO 63740

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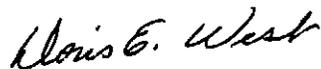
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I oppose this certificate of need.

Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doris E. West".

Doris E. West  
802 Mt. Vernon  
Fairfield, IL 62837

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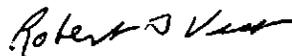
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Sincerely,



Robert West  
802 Mt. Vernon  
Fairfield, IL 62837

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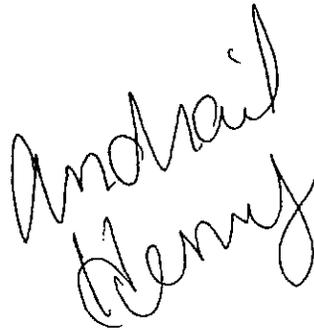
Kathryn ~~Black~~  
BLACK

Kathryn Black  
19054 Farrell Church Rd.  
Marion, IL 62959

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrail Henry". The signature is written in black ink and is slanted slightly to the right.

Andrail Henry  
1115 Bloomfield Rd.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Health Planning Board  
Springfield, Ill.

We feel that the Marion Eye Center should not  
have to leave Marion it would be a severe  
hardship on the people in the community. it is often  
difficult to have to go elsewhere for treatment

We oppose issuing this certificate need and hope  
you will consider the impact on the current patients  
in the community.

Regards

Yetiva McGee  
Dairy McGee

Yetiva McGee  
522 Terry Lane  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

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Sincerely,

  
VERA STERLING

Vera Sterling  
319 S. Middle  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

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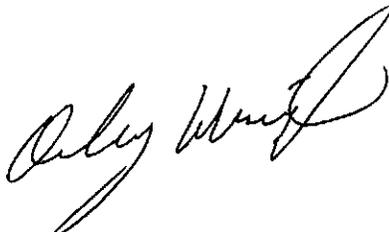
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Cathalia, IL

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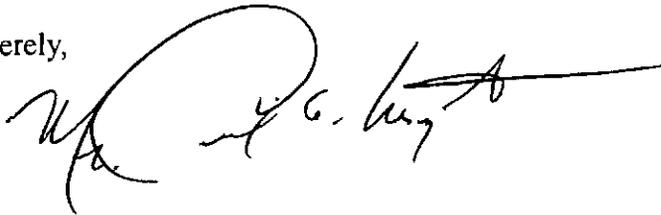
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It has come to my attention that the surgery center in Marion, IL, has filed for a Certificate of Need Exemption. It is my understanding that an attorney has filed this application. I believe a facility where surgery is performed should be owned and operated by medical professionals located in the area, not a non-physician attorney. It is not in the best interest of the patients and the community for an attorney to own this facility.

I oppose this certificate of need.

Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. C. King". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "W" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Centralia, IL

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to oppose the certificate of need for the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois. This facility should not be owned and operated by an attorney who I believe is not looking out for the patients and the community.

Please consider this when reviewing this application.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Robinson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and address.

Sherry Robinson  
6136 Wildwood Lane  
Tamaroa, IL 62888



Dear Sir,

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

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

Sincerely,

Shawn Kellerman

Shawn Kellerman  
7927 City Lake Rd.  
DuQuoin, IL 62832

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir:

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

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

Sincerely, Rebecca Korando

Rebecca Korando  
206 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
Elkville, IL 32932

IL Healthcare Planning Committee

Re: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board,

I oppose the application for a Certificate of Need Exemption for the surgery center located in Marion, IL. I believe a physician should own and operate this facility. I have been a patient of Dr. Ahmad's and know that he has always done surgeries at this facility and was in the process of purchasing this surgery center. Somehow in the process of Dr. Ahmad signing the papers, an attorney, Ron Osman, went behind him and filed for this exemption. I do not believe Mr. Osman should own and operate this facility. Dr. Ahmad and the other doctors that work with Dr. Ahmad have been doing surgeries at this surgery center for many years. I understand that they will no longer do surgery at this facility if Ron Osman should get this exemption. I do not believe that the best interest of patients and the community is what this attorney is most interested in.

I hope that you will take all things into consideration before making any decision to let Ron Osman, a non-physician, purchase and operate this facility.

Thank you,

  
Dudouion, IL

**Ref: Marion Surgery Center**

**Dear Sir:**

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

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

**Sincerely,**

Randy R Lewis  
UGCM

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randy R Lewis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Randy Lewis  
214 Onstott  
DuQuoin, IL 62832

5-12-2011

IL Health Facilities Planning Board  
Re: Surgery Center of So. IL.

To Whom it may concern,

We oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption  
for the Surgery Center of So IL that is  
located in Marion IL. We believe it is the  
best interest for the community & patients  
if the facility is owned & operated by  
a physician. We also believe Dr Ahmad  
should be allowed to complete the  
purchase of this facility

Sincerely

Judi Hobbs

8118 ST. RT 154

Tamaroa, IL 62888

and Gladys Stanley

8120 ST. RT 154

Tamaroa, IL

62888

To Whom It May Concern,

I have learned that an attorney in our area is trying to purchase the Marion Surgery Center. We do not need ownership decisions being made by someone that does not have healthcare as their main focus. The Marion Eye Center doctors do a great job and we need to keep them doing surgery in our town.

Sincerely,

*Jama Blaise*  
*9673 East Park St. Rd.*  
*DuQuoin, Ill.*  
*62832*

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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

May 18, 2011

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

RE: **LETTERS OF OPPOSITION** - Certificate of Exemption - E-1001-11 -  
Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are 24 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

May 17, 2011

IL Health Facilities Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption that was applied for by Ron Osman. I do not believe an attorney should be the owner of a healthcare facility.

Please take this into consideration when reviewing this Certificate of Need.

Thank you,

*Richard Fleck*  
*614 W 9th*  
*West Frankfort IL*

May 17, 2011

IL Health Facilities Planning Board

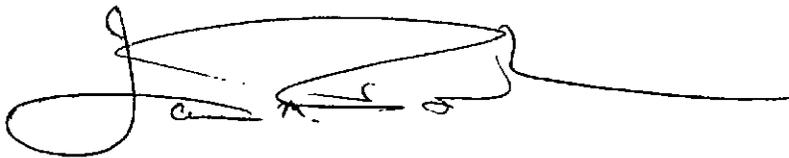
RE: Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption that was applied for by Ron Osman. A surgery center should not be owned and operated by a non-medical individual. This facility should be owned by a medical profession.

Please take this into consideration when reviewing this Certificate of Need.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. S. O.", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

6245 ISAAC WALTON RD  
BENTON, IL 62812

Sue Baines  
417 N 10<sup>th</sup>  
Herrin, Illinois  
62948  
619-942-3653

To Whom it May Concern

My purpose in writing his letter is to urge the Health Facilities Review Board to allow Dr. Maqbol Ahmad to purchase the Marion Eye Surgery Center. I have had cataract surgery on both eyes in the last three weeks at this clinic and had an excellent experience. The staff was caring and efficient and Dr. Ahmad performed each surgery in less than five minutes. I was in and out of the clinic both times in two hours and I would never had imagined that I could have had such a pain free surgery. I have complete confidence in Dr. Ahmad and if he were not there I would follow him wherever he went.

I honesty believe that if ownership of the clinic went to a non medical professional the quality of services would digress. What better than to have a medical professional like Dr. Ahmad to own and manage the clinic.

Sincerely



Sue Baines

From: Harriet & Richard Breen  
209 Lynne Lane  
Carterville, Ill 62918

Ladies and Gentleman of the Board:

I have heard that an outside party is trying to purchase the Marion Surgery Center and that the Marion Eye Center doctors will no longer do surgery there. I think this sale is not a good idea for many reasons. First of all patients are going to follow their doctors, they have faith in them, that is the reason you choose a doctor. This will be inconvenient for patients and also takes business out of our community. I am told that the person that will own the center is a local attorney; I question why a malpractice attorney would want to buy and operate any health care business. My last concern is that the surgery center will fail, it obviously will not work at the capacity it did when the Marion Eye Center doctors were doing surgery there. I believe that the majority of the surgery that has been done there for years has been performed by these well respected surgeons. For these reasons and many others, I ask that you deny the exemption. !

Sincerely,

Richard A. Breen 12 May 11

Harriet A. Breen 12 May 11

This will be a great inconvenience for persons needing eye surgery, as this is so convenient, good size, pleasant decor and this is very important - it helps relax me!

IL Health Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center, Marion, IL

To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposing the certificate of need exemption for the above mentioned surgery center in Marion, IL. It is not in the best interest of patients and the community. A surgery center should not be owned and operated by an attorney. This facility should be owned and operated by a medical professional.

Please consider this when reviewing this certificate of need.

Thank you for your time.

NAME:

Francis W. Chapman

ADDRESS:

19420 St Hwy 149

West Frankfort IL 62896

PHONE NUMBER:

618-499-2589 or 1-417-294-0720

Illinois Health Planning Board

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sirs:

I was very happy to hear that the Marion Eye Center was expanding their retina services. This would be very convenient to have full time retina surgeons in our area.

We have a very high elderly population with these types of problems and this would have made it very convenient for them. Now that the surgery center is being bought by an attorney that the surgeons don't feel comfortable working with, we may not get those vitally needed services. I therefore oppose the certificate they are asking for.

Thank you,

*Lester L Harris*  
*197 Harris Dr*  
*Jackson, Mo, 63753*  
*573-243-9515*

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have pondered over the change of ownership of Marion Surgery Center to Attorney Roland Osman to be of the best interest of future healthcare in the surrounding communities of Marion, Illinois.

I believe the change of ownership will be very harmful and oppose this transfer of ownership.

*M. Geraldine Johnson*

M. Geraldine Johnson  
607 W. Cherry  
Christopher, Il. 62822

# AARP BE A FRIEND



Hold the Line on funding for critical services for the frail elderly.

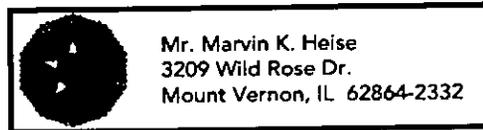
5-11-2011.

To Whom It May Concern,

I do not wish to see any change in the ownership of the Marion Surgery Center as I have had Eye Surgery there & was very pleased with the care & results, so I would like to see it continue with its good operation & ownership.

I was very pleased with the staff & the treatment received.

Sincerely,  
Marvin K. Heise



AARP Illinois Legislative Office  
300 West Edwards - 3rd Floor - Springfield, IL 62704  
217-522-7700 (phone) 217-522-7803 (fax)



We do not want the change  
of ownership of the Marion  
Surgery Center by Ronald  
Osman. We want Dr. Magbool  
Ahmad to be the buyer.

Robert D Kinley

(and)

Judy Kinley

(ENERGY, ILL.)



# MARION EYE CENTERS & OPTICAL

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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.

Yours truly,

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

*I don't want Mr. Osman at all  
He is very dishonest, and not a  
doctor - I won't be coming back*

Illinois  
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Missouri  
51-5200  
93-2020  
24-4584  
56-5866  
72-8181

To Marion eye center if he buy Dr.  
Ahmad out. I feel like a doctor  
should ~~own~~ own a doctor office.  
He shouldn't have tried to out  
Dr. Ahmad.

Dorothy Pierce

Dorothy Pierce  
100, West Elm  
West Frankfort, Ill  
60894

May 12, 2011

Marion Surgery Center

To whom it may concern,

I have heard the Marion Center may be purchased by someone else. Please do not allow this. Dr Ahmad is an outstanding doctor and we do not want to lose him. The center does an outstanding job. Please do not let this be purchased by anyone.

Thank you,

Deb Benhoff

Sir:

I feel that a physicians (group) need to run a surgery center not a Lawyer.

And you need to keep the surgery

center. I feel that its better to

go to out-PA center to have surgery

than a hospital.

D. J. Baker

Members,

Please, please, please do not make the  
mistake of letting a non-doctor take over  
this well ran surgery center. Thank you!

Bryan Pedtke

To Whom It Concerns,

I feel comfortable going to the Marion Eye Surgery Center in Marion. However, if an attorney or lawyer takes it over, I won't. In today's economy, people as in..... your community won't be able to afford to drive far away. Please don't let this happen.

Loretta Stanowski

Members Of The Board,

All is well right now with the surgery center & then you feel as though there is a need to change it? Why? An attorney has no business running a surgery center.

I hope you agree.

Ashley  
Carney

To the Board Members,

I oppose the selling of the Marion Eye Surgery Center to any Lawyers. I understand they (the Drs) will not be performing any Surgery's there if this goes through!

Sincerely,  
Cindy Ashlock

Dear Sir,

I would like to keep the eye center open  
and having the doctor run it and not  
some Lawyer. Thank you!

Ruth Thusing

To Board Members:

I am writing that I oppose the sell of the Marion surgery center to the lawyer. It is my understanding that the Marion Eye Center doctors will not work there. I think this will be bad for the community.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Loy

I feel Dr. Amadi should be  
able to purchase the surgical center  
& have easier access to patients in  
the Marion Carbondale area

Cathy  
- Stettin



# MARION EYE CENTERS & OPTICAL

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Anna  
1-618-833-8359

Benton  
1-618-439-2020

Carbondale  
1-800-654-3562

Carbondale SIU  
1-618-549-0615

Carlyle  
1-618-594-2220

Carmi  
1-618-384-5112

Carterville  
1-618-985-9983

Centralia  
1-618-532-1997

Chester  
1-618-826-5413

DuQuoin  
1-618-542-3812

Eldorado  
1-618-273-6220

Fairfield  
1-618-842-3228

Harrisburg  
1-618-252-5377

Herrin  
1-618-942-2900

Marion  
1-800-344-7058

McLeansboro  
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Metropolis  
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1-618-244-2777

Murphysboro  
1-618-565-1405

Nashville  
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Pinckneyville  
1-618-357-2020

Salem  
1-618-548-0100

Shelbyville  
1-618-443-2020

Steeleville  
1-618-965-2020

Vienna  
1-618-658-2195

West Frankfort  
1-618-937-2442

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1-573-651-5200

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Yours truly,

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

*I will not recommend anyone to go where Ronald Osman is owned. Nor will my family do.*  
Mary Rodgers

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board  
RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center in Marion, IL. I do not believe that a non-physician should be the owner and in charge of a surgery center. I believe that the facility should be owned and operated by a physician who has the patient's best interest at heart. It is my understanding that Dr. Ahmad was in the process of signing papers to purchase this facility when he was undermined by an attorney, Ron Osman, who does not have the patient's or the community's best interest at heart. This Certificate of Need should not be granted. If Dr. Ahmad and the other physicians at the Marion Eye Center do not do surgery any longer at this facility, it will be a hardship on the patients and the community.

I hope that you will take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

*William R. South*

To Whom it My Concern

I drive my Father to the eye dr.

We have had to go to IL. to see  
a specialist in the past. If there had not  
been a eye center in Marion. he might  
have lost sight in both eyes

Please don't let a lawyer ~~case~~  
stop eye help.

Angus G. G.

To Whom It May Concern:

I feel as though the surgery center in Marion needs to remain as is & no ~~no~~ new ownership is needed. If a new owner takes over, it will be ruined.

Brandi  
Malich

Sir or Mama,

Why is there such a need to change ownership in such a well ran center. The community will have to travel all the way to Mt. Vernon if you let this happen. I want, as well as the rest of us, be able to travel that far.

Margie  
Malick