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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Certificate of Exemption No.E-001-11, Surgery Center of So Illinois

Dear Chairman Galassie:

This Letter is written in support of the pending Certificate of Exemption application which is referenced above. This transaction contemplates a change of ownership of The Surgery Center of So Illinois in Marion; it is my understanding that this request does not require substantive review by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board because the applicant meets the requirement for an exemption. Regardless, I would like to express my support for the project. I have been employed at The Surgery Center in Marion for 26 years. Our Facility has been through several general partner changes through my years of employment here, without any interruption of the quality services we provide to our patients and surgeons.

Between March and May of 2010, The Marion Eye Center Doctors began pulling there cases and doing them in the Mt. Vernon Surgery Center, even though they are partners in The Surgery Center of So Il, this was prior to any mention made about The Surgery Center being put up for sell. Due to the loss in cases, the hours of The Surgery Center employees were cut and many employees were laid off. We now have several surgeons in different specialty requesting privileges at The Surgery Center.

I support Cirurgia Centro as the new manager and general partner of this facility... This is a non-controversial transaction from a health planning perspective, and I'm sure the CON Boards approval will be forthcoming.

Sincerely



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