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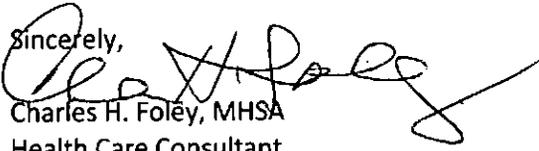
Mr. Michael Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project No. E-001-11
Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Mike:

Attached are One Hundred and Twenty-Five (125) additional letters of opposition for the above referenced project.

Sincerely,


Charles H. Foley, MHA
Health Care Consultant

C: Mark Silberman, Attorney at Law



Health Care Consulting

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

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I oppose this certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Cheryl McCall
Johnston City, Ill.

Members of the Board:

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Respectfully,

Shelia Harris
Marion, Ill. 62959

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

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Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Thank you,

Steven L. Norris
Marion, IL 62959

Dear Dr Ahmad,

I DONT THANK MIDSMAN should have any
Chance to buy The marion surgery center.

Dr Ahmad is a very good Dr. Please Consider
He Need The Surgery Center. (Him to buy)

I ~~am~~ sure hope Dr Ahmad get to buy The center

THANK YOU
Shirley Culverhouse



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Yours truly,

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

I agree with Dr. Ahmad.
Gale Helmer
Sale 2/11
7385 N Lighthouse Ln
Belle River, IL 62810

May 2, 2011

Dear Sirs,

We need Marion Surgery Center, and I do not approve a change in ownership. We need affordable eye care. So please keep Marion Surgery Center.

Thank You

Sincerely,

Debra Ritchey



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April 15, 2011

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Yours truly,

*I am all for Dr. Ahmad. Keep our great life
Dr.'s. We truly need him, a Doctor's
practice should be controlled by*

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

5-2-11

I truly believe in keeping Dr. Ahmad's
Mawri Surgery Center open for Dr. Ahmad.

Not the usual Mr. Osman. He is very wrong
in the attempt to buy out from under
Dr. Ahmad.

We need more concerned Doctors like Dr. Ahmad
who are most concerned about his patients
rather than money.

Best of Luck to you Dr. Ahmad

God Bless,
Samuel Jay

I agree that the change of ownership would harm the access to healthcare for Marston eye center. I believe that Dr. Ahmad should remain as owner instead of the facilities getting turned over to Mr. Osman.

Mr. Osman

I disagree that this change of ownership would benefit Marion Eye Center. In fact, I believe it would harm access to health care. I therefore oppose this project.

- Samantha Caldwell

Please keep surgery center with dr. Ahmad and his staff.
Don't need a lawyer to be trying to do doctors work.

Jim Walsh

Service Review Board

No to Mr. Ronald Osman

yes! to Dr. Ahmad

Miss Terri Wallace

May 10, 11

Ill. Health Facilities Board

To: Whom it May Concern:

I strongly oppose the Certificate of need Exemption for the Surgery Center of S. Illinois located in Marion, Ill. I do not believe a facility should be operated or owned by a non-physician. It would be best for the general public that a physician should ~~do~~ his surgeries at this facility. It is understood, Dr. Ahmad is in the process of purchasing this facility, when a lawyer is interested in the same property.

Sincerely,

Barbara Staggs

5/10/2011

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center of SI

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 lawyer - It is not in the best interest of patients and community - It is my understanding that Dr. Ahmad was in the process of purchasing this facility when Mr. Osman became interested in the property -

Please consider this when making your decision -

Sincerely,

Aymeriam Lahlou

To whom it may concern,

I feel that the Marion Surgery Center should be purchased by Dr Ahmad and his fellow Doctors. I feel it would be best for the community to have a place close to Carbondale and Marion and the surrounding areas for us to have as an alternative to driving to Mt Vernon for our eye surgery.

Thank you

Cherie Lathin

5-10-11

To Whom it may concern-

Why would an attorney want to purchase an eye surgery center?
The only reason that seems feasible to me is as a business
to make money. An attorney cannot manage a medical
practice ^{or surgery center} or ensure its quality. I believe that fees would
increase and quality decrease. This would harm
access to high quality, reasonably priced healthcare,
specifically eye care, in Southern Illinois.

Elizabeth Freedy

Having the surgery center in
Marion would be wonderful for
all local residence people.

Many of us are older & don't like traveling
long distances or unable to drive longer
distances.

Please allow Dr. Ahmad to purchase
his property. NOT Mrs. Osman.

We (Marion surgery center patients) will
be forever grateful.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Haven

May 10, 2011

To Whom It may Concern, Ahmad's
I am in support of Dr. Ahmad plan
to purchase the Marion Surgery Center.

Sincerely,
Melissa Hagemann

To whom it may concern,

I am in full support of Dr Ahmad to purchase the Marion Surgery Center in Marion IL. I believe that it is good for the community to have a facility close to home.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald E. Farn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "F".

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to state my opposition to the proposed change of ownership. I trust Dr. Ahmad's position in this argument and believe he should be allowed to complete the purchase of the Marion center.

Best regards,

Alexander Rellow
618-521-6493

Members of the Board:

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Respectfully,

Laura Lipe

The need to keep Marion Eye Surgery Center to provide local access to eye surgery care. If the only option is to go to Mt. Vernon, many patients will go to Cape Girardeau instead. This will chase even more business out of Illinois which is NOT what the State needs. Shame on Mr. Osman for his under-handed tactics.

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

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Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

*I detest persons who have only dollar signs in front of their eyes
and not the well-being of persons in need - I fully support Dr. Admond.*

Rene Lape

To: Illinois Health Planning Board

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Distinguished Member OF The Board:

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Betty Williams

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RE: Marion Surgery Center, Marion IL

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Thank you,

*Nicole Brooks
Centralia*



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*Mr David Strong
1208 Borah
Olny, Ill. 62450*



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Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

I WOULD AGREE THAT YOUR PURCHASE OF MARION SURGERY CENTER SHOULD PROCEED. MARION EYE CENTER HAS A GOOD REPUTATION AND IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPAND. I BELIEVE ATTORNEY OSMAN DOES MORE HARM THAN GOOD FOR THE MARION AREA I.E (THE SCHOOL INTERFERENCE)
Quinn Chute

5-10-11

I oppose Ronald Ormand buying Marion
Eye Centers in Marion

Please allow Dr Ahmad to Purchase
Marion Eye Center in Marion Ill.

Berneta Light

5-10-11

I have been a patient here for some time.
& in my opinion I would rather have
a Dr. own the Center than a lawyer. & it
makes more sense.

Karla Boucher

5-10-11

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, *William R. McDaniel Sr.*

May 10, 2011

Dear Sir:

For the best interest of everybody, I think that ownership should go to a doctor. Dr. Maghool Ahmad knows what he is doing already for the people. He would know how to operate the whole business already. It would be the best interest for everybody.

Thank You,
Jimmy Jueger

Illinois Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in response to a Certificate of Need Exemption for the surgery center referenced above. It has been brought to my attention that an attorney, Ron Osman, has filed for this exemption, and it is my understanding that he has done it trying to keep Dr. Ahmad from purchasing this facility. It is also my understanding that Dr. Ahmad was in the process of purchasing this surgery center and was already in the process of signing the papers when Mr. Osman decided that he wanted this property. Mr. Osman is not a physician and should not be in charge of the operations of this facility. I have been a patient of Dr. Ahmad's and his associates and if I were to need surgery, I would not feel comfortable having it at this facility if owned by this attorney. I believe it would be in the best interest of the patients and the community for a medical professional to have ownership of the surgery center.

I am opposed to this Certificate of Need. I hope you will please consider this before making a final decision.

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Carol L White

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita Spencer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Rita Spencer".

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62896

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Sincerely,

Lesley Thompson
2206 Melanie Ln
Marion, IL 62959

Illinois Planning Board
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I am opposed to this Certificate of Need. I hope you will please consider this before making a final decision.

Sincerely, *Michelle Russell*
D.O. Box 8
Cambria, IL. 62915

Illinois Planning Board

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Sincerely,

Rick Wadd
12131 old FRANKFORT Rd.
MARION, IL. 62959

Members of the Board:

- I believe that it is in the best interest of the community and the patients to have the Marion Surgery Center owned and operated by medical professionals in the community.

The surgeons of the Marion Eye Center have kept that surgery center operating for years. Why should this be changed now? I don't believe there will be many patients going there which will eventually mean the surgery center will close. We do not need to lose another business in this area.

Respectfully,

Melissa Cutler

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Respectfully,

Tatsy Schuren

May 6, 2011

Illinois Healthcare Facilities Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois, Certificate of Need Exemption

Dear Board Members,

I am writing this letter in opposition to the Certificate of Need Exemption filed by Ron Osman for the above mentioned surgery center. I know that Dr. Ahmad was in the processing of signing papers for the purchase of this facility. Dr. Ahmad and the other surgeons at Marion Eye Centers have done surgeries there for years. They are the ones that have made the surgery center what it is. I know from attending the Public Hearing that an Exemption means that the facility will continue to operate as it has in the past. This will not be the case. If this Certificate of Need Exemption is approved, the surgeons from Marion Eye Center will not be doing surgery at this facility and it will not be operating as it has in the past. There is a great need for this surgery center in Marion. The patients will be inconvenienced and the community will lose.

I hope that you will consider this before you make your decision to approve this CON Exemption.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Harl
Herod, IL

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,

Harriett J. Cagle
Marion, Ill. 62959

IL Planning Board

RE: Marion Surgery Center, Marion, IL

Dear Members of the Board,

It has been brought to my attention that the surgery center located in Marion, IL, has filed for a certificate of need. It has also been brought to my attention that an attorney has filed this application. I have been a patient of Dr. Ahmad's and I know that Dr. Ahmad was in the process of purchasing this facility so that he and his associates could continue to do surgery there for the convenience of their patients as they have done for years.

I oppose this certificate of need exemption application. I also understand that if this attorney does get this facility, Dr. Ahmad and his associates will no longer do surgeries there and this will cause an inconvenience for patients. It will also cause the community to lose jobs and revenue.

Please do not approve this certificate of need exemption.

Thanks for Your Consideration,

Elizabeth M. Cagle
Marion, Ill.

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Members of the Board,

I oppose the application for a certificate of need exemption that was filed by an attorney for the surgery center in Marion, IL

This would harm the community and would lose jobs and is not in the best interest of the patients.

Please consider this when reviewing this application.

Sincerely,

*Jamie Allen
Marion Illinois*

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,

*Serianne Hartwell
Zeigler, Illinois*

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,

Margaret Surgen
Carterville, IL

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

Dear Members of the Board,

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,

James Vaughn
Carleville, 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,

Sheila Beasley
Marion, IL

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

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Sincerely,

Veronica Ryan
Veronica Ryan

Illinois Planning Board
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I am opposed to this Certificate of Need. I hope you will please consider this before making a final decision.

Sincerely,

Jessica Quincy

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,

Cynthia H. Lind
Goreville, IL 62939

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,

Cody Keling

Marion IL

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,

Tiffany Pritchett
Marion, IL

Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentleman:

I feel it would impose a severe hardship on many in our town and surrounding community if the doctors at the Marion Eye Center no longer do surgery at the Southern Illinois Surgery Center in Marion. If you grant the CON that is being considered, they feel they have no other choice but to go elsewhere. Patients will follow them because they have been going to them for years and trust them. This will be a great loss for our community.

I deeply oppose issuing this certificate of need and hope that you will consider its impact on the patients in this community.

Regards,

Nancy Sinton
Marion, Ill.
62959

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,

*Nancy Smochus
Stonefort, 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,

*Laura Reynolds
Thompsonville, N.C.*

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my concern regarding the certificate of exemption you are considering.

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,


Melanne
Marion

May 11, 2011

To whom it may concern:

It has been my privilege to receive many years of eye treatments beginning with cataract removal in 1994 from Dr. Ahmad and his staff. I will always prefer my eye care to be done under his watchful attention. I sincerely hope he will always be available to help us.

Mrs. Joyce Ayler
Poplar Bluff, Mo.

5-11-11

I think the Surgery Center in Merion is very helpful and convenient for those that are close, and am asking that you reconsider not changing ownership. Kathleen Patterson

2236 Ruth Drive
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

5-11-11

Jirden Dunivan

608 Cynthia St.

Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. Ahmad did my cataract surgery at the Marion surgery facility. The care I received there by Dr. Ahmad and the staff was second to none! It would not have been so if a lawyer were to own the center. What a conflict of interest!

I support Dr. Ahmad's efforts to purchase this facility.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jirden Dunivan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower half of the page.

5-11-11

To Whom this May Concern;

I had Cryptal lens
put in my eye's
and it is an asset
to the community and
the state of Missouri
for the facility to remain
in the hand of Dr Ahmad

Sincerely,

Patricia J Baker

Po Box 357

Van Buren MO

Phone 573-996-8563 ⁶³⁹⁶⁵

To Whom Concerned:

As a patient of Dr Ahmad we feel the injustice is not right. The services we have received has always been to the very best.

We hope the Court will look to the best interest of the area citizens and the healthcare of the community and make the best choice in favor for Dr. Ahmad

Mr & Mrs John Dering
Patients of Dr Ahmad
and Dr Elk.

Dear Board,

I disapprove this "change of ownership." I think a surgery center should be run by a surgeon, such as Dr. Ahmad. Not by a dishonest attorney like Mr. Osman.

Sincerely,

Bertha & Leland Thomason

To whom it may concern
I hear an attorney in the
area is trying to buy the
Marion ~~Center~~ "The Marion
eye center doctors do a great job
I believe they would do a lot
better. My husband had surgery
there & was very pleased with
them. It would if they could get
it.

Louise Johnston

I think the business should be
sold to the doctor first, that
way he can continue his surgery for
all his patients.

Sandra Thomason
525 ~~100~~ NW 6th
Fairfield, FL
62837

Dear Board,

I think for the patients that live in Marion- Dr. Ahmad should own the surgery center. He has done well with the one in Mt Vernon for the patients that live there- Marion should have the chance to have him, too.

I support Dr. Ahmad.

Bob Garrett Sr

609 NE Virginia

MC Leesboro, Ill.

62259

WHAT DOES A DOCTOR / ATTORNEY ~~has~~ THAT MAKES
THEY CAN RUN AN EYE SURGEONS / THEY THEN HAVE TO
GET DOCTORS TO DO SURGEONS - MORE PAPER WORK? and
THOUGHT FOR OLD & YOUNG TO GET HIM - GET REALLY
ASK ANY DOCTOR & THEY, AS WELL AS NURSE, ITS JUST
A JOKE FOR ATTORNEYS WAIT TO HAVE MORE MONEY
I CAN'T TRAVEL OUT - CAN'T - SO SHORTS JUMPS IS ALL I
CAN DO
LEAVE MY HEALTH / DOCTORS ALONG K.

STARON JONES

Box 409

ASHLEY, IL

Dear Board:

I was very happy to hear that Marion Eye Center was expanding -

There are a lot of elderly people in Marion that may not receive quality eye care - because they won't go to a surgery center run by an attorney that surgeons don't approve.

I support Dr. Ahmad.

Sincerely,

Donna West
605 S. Marshall Ave
McLeansboro IL
62859

May 11, 2011

To Whom it May Concern:

For the community and all of the patients that the Marion Surgery Center serves, please consider all of the wonderful work and care that Dr. Ahmad and his staff provided for all of the people who are unable to travel long distances and for those with limited incomes. My fiance found himself in just such a position but because of the assistance and generosity of Dr. Ahmad, he was able to have cataracts removed that had become so bad he could barely see. Thank you Dr. Ahmad and your staff. We need these people who truly care.

Sincerely
Cristi Loquist
306 S. Hiram St.
Walterville, IL 62894

Dear Board,

In my opinion, an attorney like Mr. Osman, should not be running a surgery center. I think it would be in the best interest of the patients of the Marion area, to have a surgery center run by a highly recommended medical professional, such as Dr. Ahmad.

Thank You!

Elvira Lopez
309 Central Ave.
Mt. Vernon, Ill.

5-10-11

Dear Sir,

This attorney has no business buying
a surgery center.

It would be like a doctor
buying a law office.

Sincerely,

Nancy Bishop

212 N. 7th St.

Mt. Vernon, IL 62454

PH# 241-9137

10 May 2011

To Whom it may Concern;

We Oppose a Certificate of need to this entity and do not believe it is in the best interest of the Community. We desperately need Merion eye center in our town.

We agree with Dr. Magbool Ahmad

Estelle Bauland
and
C E Bauland

5/11/11

I oppose Mr. Roman purchasing surgery center.
I ask you to deny the exemption.

Lee A. Smith

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

To whom it may concern:

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

The care of the Marion Surgery Center should be left in the hands of physicians, and not an attorney.

Sincerely,

Christina Tate

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922 Mick Rd.

Mt. Vernon, IL

62864

PH# 231-4484

Ref: Mardar 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

Matthew Breder

5-11-11

This change of ownership would harm
the surrounding communities.

Mr. Alameda is a wonderful caring

Dr. We need this center and do not
need to lose something so important to
so very many people.

I will not go to other Dr. if they sell out.
I'm sure I meet them all over my life.

Sherrill Williams

602 Green St.

Woodlawn, I 11

618-735-3507

5-11-11

We Disapprove of Change of ownership.

Hema & Neha Peryam

5/11/2011

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 who 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. We do not need lawyers trying to cut out their own piece of the pie! It disgusts me that an attorney is willing to try to make health care decisions such as this for local people.

Margie Barta
469 Racetrack Rd.
Centralia IL 62801

Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are asking you to reconsider granting this Certificate of need. It will not only negatively impact the physicians who will no longer provide services at the Southern Illinois Surgery Center in Marion but more importantly the patients who have come to trust and rely on them for their vision care. Patients will be forced to either follow their trusted health care providers elsewhere or seek another provider altogether. Please consider the needs of the community first. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Vicki Moore

Dr. Magbool Ahmad's Surgery Center is an important Medical Practice that should remain open in Marion. It is for the better for Marion ~~residents~~ residents and the residents of all surrounding counties. To take this away would hinder the residents greatly.

Thank you,
Kendra Hill
(Kendra Hiller, patient)

El Health Planning Board

To Whom it May Concern:

I oppose the decision to sell the surgery center to Mr. Osman. Patients deserve a center close to them were they can be treated without travel. Patients should also be able to go where they feel comfortable with the care they will get. If sold to Mr. Osman this would not be the case.

Thank you for your consideration.

Misty Stiel

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

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Respectfully,

Ina Kodie

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,

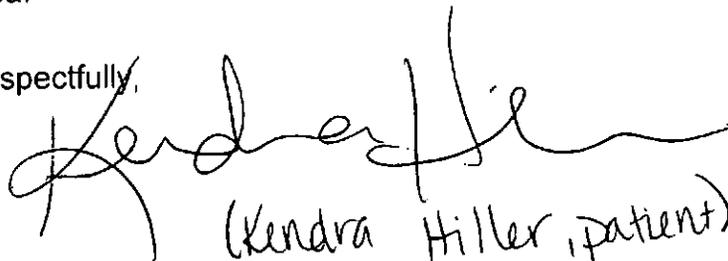
Frank Zawacko
Nashville, TN

Members of the Board:

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Respectfully,



(Kendra Hiller, patient)

5/11/2011

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Sincerely,

Shirley M Kabot
1916 E. M^o Card St
Centerville, IA
62801

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir:

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Sincerely,

Annette Eade

*Addieville, IL
62214*

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*Janice Bryant
12044 E. Grant St
Mt Vernon, IL*

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Jack Fitzpatrick

Yolanda Patton (Daughter)

Illinois Health Planning Board

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Thank you,

C. M. Wills

I support him in Buying
the Surgery Center in Marion,
& like Dr Ahmad.

Cecil Hayes

4223 Rose Lane
Mt V ILL

62864

Ladies & Gentlemen

I Agree with Dr. Ahmad!

Why would anyone let a Malpractice
Attorney ~~to~~ ^{or} Even try & Think About
Having Marion eye Care move to
Another town. I have been coming
here for a few years & would not like
to travel anywhere else for my Appt's.

Jean Sneed
Box 62
Ina, Id. 62846

This is unfair to Marion
eye center patients. That have
trusted the Drs. at Marion eye.
We should not have to find other
Drs. I believe the change of ownership
would be a loss to Marion eye center
Drs.

Cheryl Wilkinson
1508 Mt Vernon I 62864

Members of the board:

I believe that it is in the best interest of the community and the patients to have the Marion Surgery Center owned and operated by medical professionals in the community.

The surgery I had done on both my eyes was excellent, I was treated really good. The surgery went well, I think it would be an excellent opportunity for the Marion Surgery Center.

Thank You

Leroy Brown

5/11/2011

D Marilyn Sosa

Agree with Mr Ahmed that the
Manson eye Center should be runned
by a MD, who is know how to
operate & use the facilities for eye
patients not someone with no
experience,

Thank You.
Marilyn Sosa



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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.

Yours truly,

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

Well said Dr. Ahmad - If he becomes the owner of this practice, I also will not be coming to the practice, as I too am opposed to his being allowed to purchase a medical facility! Sincerely -
Christy Hamilton
1-618-453-4431

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,

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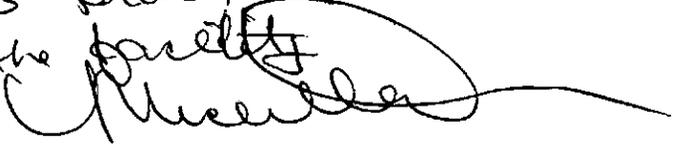
I APPRECIATE THE CARE DR. AHMAD
HAS GIVEN ME OVER THE PAST YEARS
AND IT ~~WAS~~ WOULD BE IN THE BEST
INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY THAT THE
SURGERY CENTER WOULD STAY OPEN

THANKS

GARY L HERON

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I agree with Dr. Regarding the
character of Mr. Osmond and
feel Dr. Ahmad's practice would be
a better fit for the facility

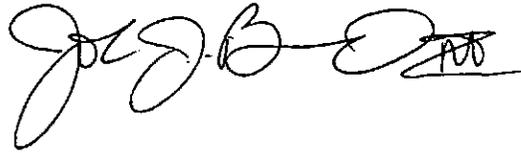

Mitchell Mueller

Dejean County

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. B. O'Connell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Collins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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

Dear Members of the Board,

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.

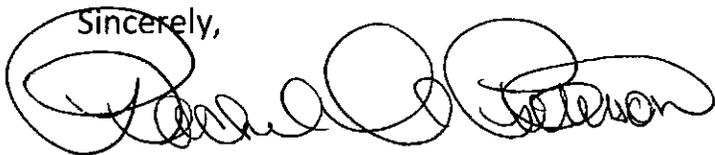
Sincerely,

Emily Schwengel, OD

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 black ink, appearing to read "Donald O. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, overlapping loops and a prominent initial "D".

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

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Sincerely,

Shirley Little
RR 2 Box 79
Vandalia, Ill 62471

May 9 - 11

May 7, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that Ronald Osman, attorney, was until recently the attorney for Dr. Maqbool Ahmad. He left this position and now is using information he provided Dr. Ahmad while in his employ in an effort to undercut Dr. Ahmad's purchase of the surgical center in Marion, Illinois.

This effort which smacks of an unlawful move has forced Dr. Ahmad and his staff to perform all surgeries in a Mount Vernon facility. This move has caused a great inconvenience for Dr. Ahmad's patients. I stand with Dr. Ahmad in his efforts to proceed with his purchase of the Marion facility.

As a Carbondale resident, I was expecting that my cataract surgery was to be performed in the Marion facility where my wife's surgery was performed. Even with the Marion Eye Center providing me with transportation to Mt. Vernon, I still consider it a great inconvenience.

Sincerely,



Harold W. Osborn
Carbondale, Il 62901

Illinois Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in response to a Certificate of Need Exemption for the surgery center referenced above. It has been brought to my attention that an attorney, Ron Osman, has filed for this exemption, and it is my understanding that he has done it trying to keep Dr. Ahmad from purchasing this facility. It is also my understanding that Dr. Ahmad was in the process of purchasing this surgery center and was already in the process of signing the papers when Mr. Osman decided that he wanted this property. Mr. Osman is not a physician and should not be in charge of the operations of this facility. I have been a patient of Dr. Ahmad's and his associates and if I were to need surgery, I would not feel comfortable having it at this facility if owned by this attorney. I believe it would be in the best interest of the patients and the community for a medical professional to have ownership of the surgery center.

I am opposed to this Certificate of Need. I hope you will please consider this before making a final decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Troutman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Larry Troutman".

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Sincerely,

Charlene Troutman

Members of the Board:

I believe that it is in the best interest of the community and the patients to have the Marion Surgery Center owned and operated by medical professionals in the community.

The surgeons of the Marion Eye Center have kept that surgery center operating for years. Why should this be changed now? I don't believe there will be many patients going there which will eventually mean the surgery center will close. We do not need to lose another business in this area.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Martin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".

775 Hwy 13
Equality, IL 62934
April 25, 2011

Dr. Magbool Ahmad
Marion Eye Center
P. O. Box 1178
Marion, IL 62959

Dear Dr. Ahmad:

I am quite concerned with the situation regarding the Marion Surgery Center. I have been a patient of the Marion Eye Center for over 15 years and have been a surgical patient twice at the Marion Surgery Center in that time.

I live in Equality, IL which is 35 miles from Marion. This distance makes for an expensive and time consuming trip. HOWEVER, I have once again had to have another surgery procedure and had to travel to Mt. Vernon, IL -- a distance of 65 miles for this; incurring twice the amount of mileage, time and fuel use. This trip also uses up the doctor's valuable time.

Marion Eye Centers provide a very valuable and necessary service to the residents, many of whom are senior citizens in the surrounding areas, and is very important to have the Marion Surgery become available once again to the residents of Southern IL, Missouri and Kentucky.

Please see to it that this can be purchased by you and be back in service under your control and leadership along with your associates.

I am hoping and praying for a prompt resolve to this serious problem in order that it will once again be in service and accessible to your many patients.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



Carolyn Cowsert-Bramlet
775 Hwy 13
Equality, IL 62934
Ph: 618-276-4686

I AS A PATIENT
OPPOSE THE SALE
OF MARLOW SURGICAL
CENTER.

John A. Swartz

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____



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Yours truly,
Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

I agree with you. I can't it to the healthcare in Marion. Leave the healthcare where it is better where it is so we all of the Patients it where at but for all of your Patients

I hope them leave alone, so we can it to the Pleas.

P.S.

I believe a doctor's practice should be controlled by doctors,

*Erva Jean
Morefield*

RE: MARION SURGERY CENTER

5-10-11

It is unclear to me why an attorney would want to purchase ~~an~~ a surgery center. It appears, based on what I read, there is a lot of ill will concerning this issue.

It is my opinion that a surgery center would be best served by a physician.

Alice Gamble,
patient

5-10-11

5/10/11

I do oppose change of ownership for the surgical center. It would harm access to healthcare for our small communities in Southern Illinois. I believe a doctor's practice should be controlled by the doctors.

The steps Mr. Osman has taken are very unethical and unbelievable could be allowed.

Nancy Warburton

April 30, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to show my concern in the Marion Surgery Center in Marion. I do believe that the surgery center should not be sold to Ronald Osman. I believe that it should be sold to Dr. Maqbool Ahmad so he can keep his practice in Marion and in the same building. This is a very nice and accomodating center the way it is set up now. Also it would be a shame if the center would move from Marion, as to the tax revenue would no longer go to Marion and would go to another city.

Please take this into consideration and do not sell to Mr. Ronald Osman.

Yours Truly,

Anthony Hagene

Anthony Hagene

May 4, 2011

To: Whom it may concern and especially to every one in Southern Illinois:

It would be completely absurd and even criminal to allow an attorney or any unqualified person to purchase or operate an eye center. Dr. Ahmad has done a thorough and spectacular service for many years to more than 100,000 persons in Illinois and the surrounding states. Dr. Ahmad is a fine gentleman and treats everyone with kindness and respect and should be given the opportunity to continue. Any other plan would not be in the best interests of the people of this area. Please allow Dr. Ahmad to retain the ~~Eye~~ Center and serve the needs of all who need his professional and expert services.

Thank you and you will find that he has the support of thousands of people in this entire area and the surrounding states.

Sincerely,

A Proud Supporter of Dr. Ahmad

Virginia Blain

Name

Carl Blain

Address

Box 122

Carterville IL 62918

May 4, 2011

Health Facilities and Services Review Board

In Care of Marion Eye Centers & Optical

PO Box 1178

Marion, Il. 62959-9938

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am a patient at the Sparta Office, and it is very convenient for me to go here.

I read the letter and I agree with Dr. Ahmad, and attorney has no business getting involved in the eye care business, unless he is also a licensed Doctor of eye care. To me this would be a conflict of interest with him entering this business since he is an attorney.

I also believe this move would be detrimental to the Marion Eye Centers and to all the patients that are going to these Doctors.

My name is Edward R. Gordon, Sr. and I live in Sparta, my address is PO Box 55, Sparta, Il. 62286 and my phone number is 618-443-2629, if you need to get in touch with me please do so.

Thanks for all the good care I have been receiving at this location.

Sincerely,

EDWARD R. GORDON SR.

Edward R. Gordon Sr.

2004 W. Meadow Lane
Carbondale, IL 62901
May 6, 2011

Marion Eye Centers
PO Box 1178
Marion, IL 62959-9938

To Whom It May Concern:

In December 2008, on the recommendation of numerous friends, I had cataract surgery at the Marion Eye Center in Marion, IL. The surgery center was comfortable and inviting, and the staff efficient and professional. Dr. Maqbool Ahmad performed my surgery—and it goes without saying that he is “the” expert in his field. Subsequent appointments were carefully planned and executed. Altogether, I experienced excellent results, due to the convenience of the surgical center (approximately 15 miles from my home), and the professionalism of both Dr. Ahmad and his staff.

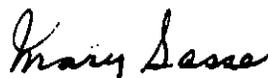
Partly because of my age (almost 79 years old now) and my widowed state, I must depend on friends to ferry me to doctor appointments and procedures, particularly when I am obligated to have a driver. Without the Marion surgery center close by, I would have had to make arrangements to go to St. Louis, over 100 miles away, and probably rent rooms for over-night stays—not once, but several times. All that, of course, would have cost me vastly more in both time and money than simple trips to Marion.

Because, then, of the convenience of the surgery center which saved me time and money—and the expert medical care I received, I am extremely troubled to learn about the possibility that one Ronald Osman intends to disrupt the security and convenience of the Marion surgical center by purchasing the building. Whatever his motives, he should not be allowed to circumvent, undermine, or prevent Dr. Ahmad from buying the surgery center or to operate it according to “best practices” in the medical field.

Blessed with good eyesight now, due to Dr. Ahmad’s expert care, I am convinced that others (particularly “seniors”) should be afforded a surgery center owned and operated by a medical professional. When I need an attorney, I hire one. When I need a medical doctor, one who specializes in restoring eyesight, I make an appointment with Dr. Ahmad.

I urge everyone connected with this issue to consider the human costs involved—and do the right thing. Dr. Ahmad has my full support and gratitude.

Sincerely,



Mary Sasse, Ph.D.

May 7, 2011

To:

Dr. Magbool Almad,

I agree that a change of ownership to Ronald ~~Osman~~ Osman would be a huge mistake for the eye care profession in Marion & other areas of Southern IL.

I have read of Mr. Osman's dealings in the past and don't like his thoughts.

There are not many places ~~in~~ in So. IL. for ^{quality} eyecare and think that Marion Eye Center is one of the best around.

If there is a change of ownership, I think it should be to a doctor in the eyecare field & not an attorney.

NAME:

Rosemary Schoessow

ADDRESS:

1400 Persimmon Dr.

Marion, IL 62959

PHONE NUMBER:

618-998-1471

Ronald Osmon appears to lack ethics and I would personally like to see Dr. Ahmad have the facility.

I have enjoyed the experience of a convenient facility and have had cataract and eyelid lift surgery done at this facility.

~~But~~ My wife and I, always ask ~~the~~ for the Marion location for any appointments. We are residing near Thompsonville but also enjoy shopping and eating out in Marion.

Your location is good for Marion. Why a lawyer when a doctor is more

NAME: William Helmer

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 322

West Frankfort, IL 62896

PHONE NUMBER: 618-627-2832

Capable of directing a medical facility is beyond my comprehension.

I believe that the described change of described ownership with a lawyer would be detrimental to my husband's and my healthcare.

Both of us have had surgeries at the present facility. It is convenient and we have been very happy.

Personally I am allergic to latex and each surgery has been there because they are very cautious about making my experiences latex free. Should a lawyer with little medical care experience make certain of that?

Sincerely,

NAME Shirley J Walker

ADDRESS: PO 322 mailing address

20050 N Shore Ln Physical

PHONE NUMBER West Frankfort, Ill

62896

tele: 1-618-627-2832

May 3, 2011

Marion Eye Centers & Optical

Mr. John S. Westell
604 Westminister Dr.
West Frankfort, Il 62896

To Whom It May Concern:

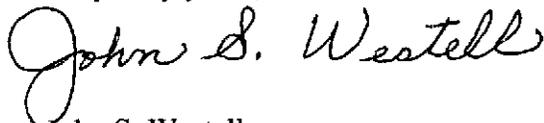
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The Change of Ownership of the current Marion Surgery Center to Ron Osman would have an unnecessary negative effect on the healthcare available to the citizens of Marion and the surrounding area.

Very truly yours,



John S. Westell

May 3, 2011

Marion Eye Centers & Optical

Mrs. Barbara J. Westell
604 Westminister Dr.
West Frankfort, Il 62896

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Barbara J. Westell

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Sincerely,

Demmo F. Fitcher

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Barbara Fitcher

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Sincerely, *Donald Dean Eddy*

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Sincerely,

Janette E Eddy

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Sincerely,

Robert Best

To Whom it May Concern,

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Maion eye surgery Building is
not available for people. That
means we have to drive all the way
to Mt Vernon or some where.
Some people can not afford the gas
to go out of town that far. Some people
is not able to travel the need the
Maion Eye Surgery Center in Maion
no matter what this lawyer says He has
no respect for people at all
I have been to the surgery Center in
Maion twice. They have really good
Surgeons there very nice & polite

NAME: Marie Mofield

ADDRESS: 1412 W. Boulevard apt 217

Maion, IL 62959

PHONE NUMBER: 618793 8732