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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

May 26, 2011

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

RE: **LETTERS OF OPPOSITION** - Certificate of Exemption – E-001-11 – Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are 25 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,

Cheryl Harl

I have been a patient of Marion optical (Mt. Vernon) for some time. I am opposed to the proposed change of ownership (sale of Marion Surgery Center) to the

Richard L. Curtin

Richard L. Curtin

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the change of ownership of Marion Eye Centers

I alsd oppose Losing Dr. Ahmad who care's very deeply about The welfare of his ~~patients~~, He has done surgery on my elderly mother. He is very good at what he does. I wish he had been around before my father Lost all central vision from Macular Degeneration

If ownership changes We as a family of 6 will go elsewhere for Eye Care + Glasses

Sincerely
Linda Moore
+ Helen Wethington
family

Centralia, IL

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

Clifton Martin Jr.

1503 S. 12th

Mt Vernon, IL

62864

I think you should have a ~~Off~~ Center in Marion for the People in marion or near I think a Doctor is better then attorney a Doctor know what to do and a attorny doesn't.

Thank you
Judy Pressley
4382 Farside Lane
Salem IL 62881

I agree and support Dr. Maqbool Ahmad.
We dont want any change.
We are happy with Marion Eye Center.

Angela Colan
518 N 11 St.
Mt. Vernon IL 62864

Re Apose ownership of Buildings

Louella Tabeet
112 W. Delaware Apt 312
Fairfield, IL
62837

To Whom It May Concern,

Was informed that a 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 see healthcare as their main focus.

The Marion Eye Center doctors do a great job we need to keep them doing surgery in our town.

Sincerely,

Agnes Tobin
71545 E. Radison Rd
Mt. Vernon, IL
62864
618-244-9622

May 25, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

I believe a medical facility should be owned and operated by medical doctors and medical personnel — not by lawyers nor business corporations with no medical credentials nor medical interests.

Therefore, I oppose the change of ownership to Ronald Osman. Please honor the original bidder/buyer to complete the purchase of the Marion Surgery Center to better serve the needs and concerns of area patients.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ina Rae Drake

Ina Rae Drake
11621 E. Hutchison Rd.
Mt Vernon, IL 62864

5/25/11

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Sincerely,

Michael V Russell
P.O. Bx 250 905 W. Cheotnut
Louisville, Il 62858

5-25-11

To whom It May Concern:

I am oppose to ownership by someone other then Eye doctor who know about surgery of the eye which is very important to us and our quality of living a normal life. Mr. Osman know nothing about these things or schooling in this field. My husband had surgery on both eye and was very sucessful. I would hate to think what would of happen if he was put in hands of ownership of someone with no knowledge be side doctors in this field. Again I 'm very much opposed to this change of Ownership it would do great harm to me and love ones and surrounding communties.

Sincerely Your

Lonnie M. Moore
410 So. 15th
Mt. Vernon, Ill. 62864

5-25-11

To Member of the board:

I very opposed to change of Ownership. I believe it is in best interest of our community and surrounding communities. & patients involved to have the surgery center owned and operated by people in that field. Then someone who has no knowledge at all on schooling. The surgeon does a great job and operating for years. If this change people will stop going. And seek services elsewhere. What this will mean Eye Center will close. We can't afford that losing another business

Sincerely Yours

Paul L. Moore
425 So. 15th
Mt. Vernon, Il. 62864

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To Whom it may concern,

I believe the Marion surgery center should be ran by a doctor not a attorney

They are doing a good job,

Jeanette Murphy
196 moon stone dr
Louisville, Il, 62858

Dear Board,

It makes me wonder why this attorney wants a surgery center. Is it really so she can help Dr. Ahmad's patients.? I think a surgery center should be run by a surgeon - who has proven to be successful - not an attorney.

Sincerely,

Jack Flanagan

1201 So 22

Mt Vernon, IL

I don't think it helps anyone for a change in ownership. A lawyer doesn't need to be in control of a health care facility.

Mt Vernon, IL 62864

Re: Marion Surgery Center

I oppose Ron Osmans attempt to purchase the surgery Center. Please allow Dr. Ahmad to purchase it.

Thanks
Judith Bagwell
68 Rembrandt Lane
Poplar Bluff, Mo
63901

Re: Surgery Center in Marion

Please allow Dr. Ahmad to purchase the surgery Center.
I oppose the certificate of need done by Ron Osman.

Vernon Bagwell
68 Rembrandt Lane
Poplar Bluff, Mo
63901

To whom it may concern:

I feel that the surgery center be purchased by. Dr. Ahmad. The care that he and his staff have provided has been exceptional. I feel that he would run the center for the patients and provide excellent eye health care.

Tracy Hager
5404 Hwy 67N
Poplar Bluff, MO.
63901

To whom it MAY CONCERN:

Ruth E. Rich & Richard Rich would very much prefer that MARION Eye Center Be Purchased By Dr. AHMAD. The Surgerys & CARE He & His Staff HAVE provided to us has been very very SATISFACTORY & Excellent! MAY Dr. AHMAD be first in Line to purchase MARION Eye Center and provide affordable services to us in the Poplar Bluff AREA -

Thanks for your Consideration,

Richard Rich
Ruth E. Rich

1220 CR 451
Poplar Bluff, MO.
63901

To Whom it Concern,

I Approve of Dr. Ahmad purchasing the Marion Surgery Center.

Sincerely,

Nadine Lindley
R #2 Box 2224
Alton MO 65606

Re: Surgery Center

I oppose the certificate of need proposed by Ronald Osman. Please let Dr. Ahmad purchase the Marion Surgery Center.

Joseph M. Brown

3253 Vandover Rd.

Poplar Bluff, Mo

63901

Ref: Marion Eye Center

Dear Sir,

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

Sincerely,

Jim Risinger
3449 Selmaville Rd
Salem, IL. 62881

Ref: Marion Eye Center

Dear Sirs,

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

Sincerely,

Beverly Tilly
6182 Amega Rd
Iuka, IL 62849

Ref: Marion Eye Center

Dear Sirs,

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

Sincerely,
Thomas Tilly
6182 Omega Rd
Iuka, IL 62849

Ref: Marion Eye Center

Dear Sir,

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

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Phelps

1009 N. MILLER
Salem, IL 62881

Ref: Mason Eye Center

Dear Sir.

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

Sincerely,

Cheryl Dawn

1009 N. Miller
Salem, IL 62881

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Cheryl Harl

Dear Members of the Board -

I agree with Dr Almod. A Dr. Business Should be ~~rad~~ ran by Dr's not Lawers

Ronald E. Zettler
112 N. Howard
DuQuoin, Ill
62832

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. THIS WOULD BE A GREAT LOSS TO OUR COMMUNITY, IF THIS IS ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE.

SINCERELY,

Kathy A. Esposito
7418 Fairview Rd
Mulkeytown, Ill
62865

I support Dr. Ahmad.

Robert J Emery

8545 E Jackson St

DuQuoin Ill

62832

I support Dr. Ahmad. We need this Eye center to remain in Marion, Ill.

Thank You

Donald D. Cook
645 U.S. Rt 51 S
Dan Quoin, Illinois

I OPOSE
MR ROWARD OSMITH
ON His PERCHASE
OF THE MARION
EYE CENTER

Bert J. Fleet

5/25/11

1079 W. Center Rd
Milkeytown Mill.
02865

TO who it may concern,

I do not believe Ronald Osman Should take ownership of the Marion Surgery center. This attorney should not own it, for the Patients and the community matter the best owner would be Dr. Maqbool Ahmad. I 100% oppose this certificate of need. Do what is best and ~~don't~~ let Mr. Osman buy this facility.

Take all consideration in what I have wrote in this letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Tilley

505 South St

DuQuoin, IL

62832

I support Dr Ahmed in his efforts to buy a medical building.

Thank you,
Bryan Spears

Bryan Spears
Western Ave
Irvington, IL 62848

To Whom It May Concern —

Dr. Ahmad should be allowed the opportunity to purchase the building in Marion for surgeries. It would be a tremendous loss to his patients if he could not perform surgeries there.

Sincerely,
Misty Wernsman

Misty Wernsman
2028 Glacier Ave
Centralia, IL 62801

May 24, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I support Dr. Ahmad's quest to purchase the Surgery Center in Marion, IL.

Thank You -

Sharon Spray
P.O. Box 3
Patoka, IL 62875

I Support the new eye Center FOR DR, Ahmad.

5-24-11
Scott L. Myers
333 S. ERVIN
CUTLER, IL.
62238

May 24, 2011

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, Illinois.

This is not in the best interest for this communities patients.

Please consider this when making your decision.

Thank you!

Darrel Fritsche
P.O Box 305
410 Maple St.
Williamsville, IL 62997

May 24, 2011

RE: Marion Surgery Center

To whom it may concern;

I am opposing the certificate of need exemption that was filed by an attorney for the surgery center in Marion, Illinois.

Please keep our surgery center with Dr. Ahmad. This change of ownership will harm access to our healthcare.

Thank You!

Odette Fritsche
P.O Box 305
Williamsfield IL 61497

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Members of Board

I oppose the application for a certificate of need application 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

Glenn Thies

Perry IL

RE: Surgery Center, Marion, Ill

To whom it may concern

I am opposing the certificate of need exemption for the above mentioned surgery center in Marion, Ill. It is not in best interest of patients and the community.

Please consider this when reviewing this certificate of need.

Thank you for your time.

Ruth Ann Yates
Percy, Ill

5/23/2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I believe the Marion Eye Surgery Center should be in the capable hands of Dr. Ahmad not some one who has no medical knowledge.
I am pleased with the services that I received from Dr. Ahmad and would not use the surgery center if the center is going to be owned and operated by an attorney.

Richard J. Bach
20995 Siebert Rd
Ste. Genevieve, Mo. 63670

I think that the change in ownership would not benefit patients in Chester or from surrounding areas. I strongly agree with Dr. Ahmad. I have nothing but good things to say about the eye center. I think a place ran by doctors should be owned by doctors, not lawyers.

Teresa Bohnert

Address:
244 Oak Lane
Perryville Mo. 63775

I oppose the change of ownership and support the Marion Eye Center in having their office there.

Alice Sternberg 5/24/11

203 Dixie Dr.

Chester, IL 62233

May 25, 2011

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 the patients for the center to be owned by the attorney. The facility should be owned by a medical professional.

I and many others have benefited greatly by the services of Dr. Ahmad and his colleagues.

Please consider this when making your review.

Sincerely,

Carole Ann Breece
R.4 Box 481, Barnhill, Il. 62809

~~Patients Signature~~

To Whom it may Concern:

I am against the Surgery Center being owned and operated by an Attorney. I believe we need to keep the Surgery Center with Dr. Ahmad. Quality Health care is a must and should be left alone. Thank you

Randy + Trieste Ahrens
107 N 1st St NE
Clay City IL
62824

Andrea Murphy
403 N 1st
Fairfield IL 62837

To whom it may concern:

I am opposing this a a community center for surgury should be ran by a doctor that knows what he is doing not a lawyer that has No clue or background in the center

Thank you.

To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing this letter to state that I would hate to see the surgery center sold to any attorney or law firm. Having the eye center both in Marion & Mt. Vernon is very helpful and very much needed. Please consider this as you make your decision.

Thank you for listening to my thoughts on this matter.

Larry & Linda Duncan
345 Co. Rd. 400 E
Albion, Ill. 62806

5-25-2011

IL Health Planning Board

Re: Surgery Center, Marion

To Whom it May Concern:

I oppose the certificate of need exemption for the Marion Surgery Center in Marion, Illinois.

I believe this change of ownership will not be beneficial to this facility. I believe that the center should be operated by medical professionals who will make decisions based on the best interest of their patients.

Sincerely

Brianne Foster
406 ~~E~~ Center St
Fairfield IL 62837

To whom it may concern,

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

Please consider this when reviewing the applications

Thank you,

Paula Adams
P.O. Box 4
Wayne City IL 62895

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Cheryl Harl

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445 Hwy T
Poplar Bluff, MO
63901

5-18-11

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,

Allen Andrews

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Board Members:

I am against the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois.

I am in support of Dr. Ahmad purchasing the Center.

Richard A Hoffman
18033 Country Highway 22
Nashville IL 62263

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,

Ebony Jones

Ebony M Jones
300 N. Lewis
Sparta, IL.
62286

HEALTH FACILITIES
AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

WM. WEBBER
110 EAST ST
PINCKNEYVILLE, IL

SUBJECT MARION SURGERY CENTER

DATE MAY 13, 2011

MESSAGE

REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF THE MARION SURGERY CENTER, I FEEL THAT DR. AHMAD'S RIGHT TO PURCHASE THAT FACILITY, WAS COMPLETELY DISREGARDED.

AS A CURRENT PATIENT OF DR. AHMAD I FEEL THAT HIS OWNERSHIP IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THAT COMMUNITY.

SIGNED Wm. Webber

DATE

REPLY

SIGNED

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have learned that an attorney in our area is trying to purchase the Marion Surgery Center. We appreciate healthcare professionals making the ownership decisions. We would like to see the surgery center open!

Sincerely,

Dave & Cathy Bottrell
1166 W. Miller
Sparta, IL
62286

I, Mary McConachie, as a patient of Dr. Ahmad, agree that the Marion eye center should remain with Dr. Ahmad. Patient care is much more important than any attorney. He, Dr. Ahmad is a very caring person and really cares about his patients. Thank you

Mary McConachie
Sparta 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,

Amanda Jack
8483 Indian Trail Rd.
Ashley, IL 62808

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,

IRA JACK
8483 Indian Trail Rd
Ashley IL. 62808

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom it may Concern

Please think about the people and the City of Marion when making your decision. I think it would be a hardship to everyone if you grant this exemption.

I oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption.

Thank You.

Nicole Radake
335 W Chester
Nashville IL 62263

I oppose the certificate of need exemption the attorney in Marion is requesting.

The surgery center needs to be run by the physicians not the attorney.

Brianna Stuhl
1000 Diamond Terrace
Apt 5 Pinckneyville IL
62274

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, Il.

To Whom it May Concern,

I understand the surgeons of MEC will not be doing surgery in Marion if the surgery center is sold to Mr. Osman.

Please, do not let this happen to the patients.

Ruth Cussy
900 N Sunset
Pinckneyville Il
62274

May 24, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I am apposed to the certificate of need of exception.
I feel if Dr Ahmad takes over the surgery center that it would benefit the community of Marion and surrounding towns. The expertise of the doctors at the Marion Eye Center has been beneficial to there patients throughout the years.

Sincerely,

Jan Green
Crcal Springs, FL

May 24, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the certificate of need of exception.
The surgeons of Marion Eye Center have given quality care to patients for over 20 years. Allowing them to continue this service will not only benefit the people of Marion but also the surrounding areas.

Sincerely,

Jamie S. Thomas
Marion, IL

May 24, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I am apposed to the certificate of need of exception.
I feel if Dr Ahmad takes over the surgery center that it would benefit the community of Marion and surrounding towns. The doctors at the Marion Eye Center have helped so many patients over the years. It would be a travesty to deny quality care and compassion to the people that would benefit from Dr Ahmad's high standards in the care of patients.

Sincerely,

Mary J. Threwitt
P.O. Box 405
Sesser, Il. 62884

Members of the Board —

For the best intrest of the Community & Patients to have the Marion Surgery Center owned & operated by medical professionals in the Community

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

Respectfully

Ann Rigdon
301 S. Walnut St
Pinckneyville IL 62274

To Whom It May Concern,

I have recently heard about someone else trying to purchase the Marion Surgery Center. I really feel we need to keep the Marion eye Center Doctors there. It's hard enough to get the elderly there. We have a good thing going there in Marion. Please don't change it. We really appreciate that the doctors can do this in our area. I feel it is in the best interest of the communities in ~~the~~ our area to keep our doctors here.

Thank You

Adriana Siefert

Adriana Siefert
720 w. Randolph St.
Pinckneyville, IL 62274

Dear; Sirs,

My husband Jeff Miller had Lazer eye surgery in 2005. We had the Best experenance. My Husbands Eyes are great He can see the Clock in the morning! We have had a great time with Marin Eye Center. I would hate for any of the services provide to the paticents@merion eye center!

Thanks

Carie Miller

801 Queensbay

Pinckney like IL

62274

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Board Members

I oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption that is before the Board for the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois.

I support Dr. Ahmad in purchasing the Surgery Center.

Thank You.

Charles A Phillips M.
9820 Elkton Rd.
Nashville IL
62263

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To whom it may concern

I wish to oppose the Certificate of need Exemption for the Marion Surgery Center

Meagan Zeike
335 W. Chester
Nashville, IL 62263

300 CR 432
Poplar Bluff
MO
63901

5-18-11

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,

Teresa Sutton

To who it may concern -

It has come to my attention of dispute concerning property Our Dr. Ahmed is in need of. I want to voice my concern of his need of such property. He treats many people, of whom many are elderly and I can think of no better use for such property.

Respectfully
Berneda P. Campbell

Health Planning Board
Springfield Il
To whom This May Concern:

I feel it would impose a severe hardship on many in our town and surrounding area at doctor at the Mannion Eye Center no longer do surgery @ the Southern Il. Surgery Cnte (Mannion).

If you grant the Con that is being considered, they feel have no other choice but to go elsewhere. Patients will follow them because they have been going there for years and is a Trust issue

This will be A Great Loss for our Community

I Deeply oppose issuing this certificate need and hope that you will consider it impact on the Dr. Patients and our community

Sincerely

[signature]

Eric Sutter

To Whom It May Concern -

I am a recent patient of Dr. Ahmad, having cataract surgery in both eyes. The outcome was a total success. I have waited for Dr Ahmad, only, to do the surgery, & when I realized he was connected to the Marion Eye Centers & Optical, & there was an office in my home town, Pinckneyville, My decision was made!! He has done surgery on so many of my family & friends & had it not been for him, I'd still be half-blind. This surgery center needs to be owned by a surgeon, namely Dr. Ahmad, not by a legal team. Ridiculous! Makes no sense at all! It's so wonderful for the elderly, and I am 67, & appreciate just having to drive for surgery. Please, if something is not broken, don't fix it!! Marion Eye Ctrs. will lose many patients if Mr Osman takes over! What a shame! I look forward going to my eye doctor!! Leave it alone!

Sincerely,
Karen Lipp

May 13, 2011

Health Planning Board
Springfield, IL

Dear Ladies & Gentleman:

We feel it would be a severe hardship on many elderly and those on fixed incomes NOT to be able to have surgery close to their homes. If the doctors at the Marion Eye Center, no longer do surgery at the Southern Illinois Surgery Center in Marion, patients will have no other choice but to go elsewhere. That would be a great loss for patients and the Community.

We strongly oppose issuing this certificate of need and hope you'll consider the negative impact on all parties involved.

Truly,

Marilyn Jenkel Rick

Harold Jenkel

Kathryn Jenkel

A very disturbing matter, that a lawyer, who's actions do not match his ~~[illegible]~~, so called professional ethics. He should be ashamed.

Patsy Schoenbeck