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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

May 27, 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 16 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

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,

Larry Ekibler

22034 Mimosa Dr.

Olney, IL 62450

Whom it may concern:

As a patient of Dr. Ahnada
Clinic - Marion Eye Center - I would
like to give my support for
help to purchase the Marion
Surgery Center in Marion.

Cathy Stout
771 Dundock Rd.
Day City, IL 62824

Health Board/Planning

Members of the board:

I oppose this certificate of need.
My support is with Dr. Ahmad + his
purchase of the surgery center.

Ken Jennings Jr.
RR#1 Box 120
Rinard, IL 62878

Health Planning Board.

Dear ladies:

My vote is for Dr. Ahmad to be
new owner of the Surgery Center in Marion.
(He is a well respected doctor and deserves
to own this practice over an attorney.

Thank You -
Carol Britton

Carol Britton

232 Elm Lane

Flora, IL 62839

Seniors Health Planning Board:

Please note my support for Navin Eye
Center + Dr. Ahmad purchasing the
Eye Surgery Clinic


Ryan Cravens

617 S 20th St.

Herrin, IL 62948

To All Concerned:

I have learned that an attorney, Ron
Oman is wanting to purchase a surgery center in Marion.
I feel he has no business owning a medical facility +
I support Dr. Ahmad with the purchase of this center.

Teresa Deere

Teresa Deere

509 Ryan Dr.

Genery, IL 62933

I understand there has been a certificate of need application filed for the surgery center in Marion, Illinois. I would not understand if it is approved for anyone except a doctor.

If a surgical center is for "surgery" I think it should only be owned by a doctor.

Sherrill

3821 E. Elbow Lane
Olney, IL 62450

I am upset about Mr. Osman's Certificate of Need request. I don't know a lot about the legal part of this but it doesn't take a rocket scientist to know a doctor would be better at running a surgical center. They know the ins and outs of good patient care and the lawyers I have met do NOT!

Bob A. Pitts

3821 E. Elbow Ln
Olney, IL 62450

I want to oppose the certificate of need in regards to the surgery center in Marion, IL. I feel the facility should not be owned by anyone but a doctor. We need to know it is there for a patient's care not just their money.

Brittany Pitts

1106 Monroe

Olney, IL 62450

I sincerely oppose the sale of the Marrow Eye Center to the lawyer, Mr. Osman - His ethics as a lawyer do not meet the criteria for such. It would seem his actions is that of greed & not to consider the needs of people who seek eye care/surgery at this facility. Therefore I hope his plans do not take place & that Dr. Ahmad can continue his services as the owner.

Patsy Schoenbeck
322 Joan Ave
Marissa, Ill

May 14, 2011

Dear Sirs:

I agree that the change of ownership would harm access to healthcare in Marion and the surrounding area, more than it would benefit it.

This is another example of how corrupt and self-centered our society has become. I believe, by writing this letter, that it is a small part, on my behalf, to help stop some of the corrupt situations that are happening in our country at this time.

Sincerely,
Doris Harsten
Stubville, IL

This project of ~~Dr.~~ ^{Mr.} Osman should be thrown out along with Mr. Osman and the "lath water". What a shrewd of a person. Both of my parents had cataract surgery by Dr. Ahmad in Marion and were very well pleased. If he is a citizen of Marion I would be running him out of town lickety split if this is the kind of person he is.

PLEASE DO NOT let this happen with him (Mr. Osman) taking over or be able to keep this out from under Dr. Ahmad.

A concerned citizen of Steelville, Mo.

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,

5-18-2011

I oppose this change of ownership, due to the fact the change of ownership would impair access to healthcare in Marion and the surrounding area.

J. Trout
Doniphan, MO

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly oppose 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 be operated by those in the medical field, not an attorney. Especially an attorney who has caused so much strife in this same region.

Please consider the fact that those who are having surgery must now drive a much longer distance because of the fact that our Doctor will not be performing surgeries in Marion, IL any longer. This will be a great hardship on the patients.

Thank you for your time.



Judith Collins

4940 Collins Lane
Carbondale, IL 62902

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,

Warren W Gholson

May 17, 2011

Warren W Gholson
559 Shoal Creek Road
Murphysboro, IL 62966
-patient for 12 years

To Whom it may concern
I believe that the Dr.
Should purchase the office
in Marion. I don't believe
a Attorney should be able
to purchase it. I ~~to~~ have
been going to the
Marion Eye Center in
Dexter they are all
great. So I hope that
she gets to purchase
this Surgery center
in Marion

Thank You
MRS PAT CARSON

701 Alley St.
Bloomfield, Missouri

63825

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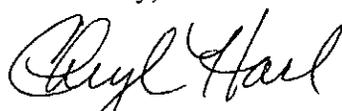
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RE: **LETTERS OF OPPOSITION** - Certificate of Exemption - E-001-11 -
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Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: SURGERY CENTER OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am opposed to the Certificate of
Need Exemption before your Board.

When making your decision, please
think about the patients.

Thank you.

Debra J. Tropea
460 W KELLEK ROAD
DUBOIS IL 62831

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Board members

I would like to express my concern about the Surgery Center. I feel the Surgery Center would be better run by medical professionals.

I am opposed to the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center.

Thank You for your attention.

Sincerely,

Jracy L Papp
395 S. Wood
Nashville, IL 62263

To Whom It May Concern:

As a patient I feel it is in the best interest of everyone that the surgery center should stay with the ownership of the doctors. As they know best what patients need.

Thank You
Patty Sanchez

RT 1 Box 408

Paradise Hl. 62471

Save it for the doctor
myra Ward
William Howell

Rt 1 Box 275-3

Shobonier H.
62885

5/26/11

Ill. Health Planning Board:

RE. Surgery Center Marion Ill.

I oppose the certificate of need exemption for the above mentioned surgery, Mr Ozman should not have the surgery center. This center should go to Dr Ahmad and skilled Drs. Thank You.

Mary M. Blessin

103 W. 4TH ST

WEST FRANKFORT IL 62896

IL HEALTH PLANNING BOARD

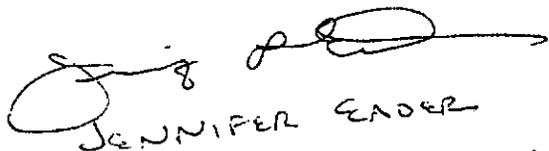
RE: SURGERY CENTER, MARION IL

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.



JENNIFER EADER
1693 WHITETAIL LANE
WEST FRANKFORT IL 62096

To Whom It may Concern.

5/26/11

I, Carl Dencausse, oppose the sale of the
Marion Surgery Center to Mr. Ozman. I
believe medical should be left to Doctors
not Lawyers.

Sincerely

Carl Dencausse

Carl Dencausse
307 E. Manila
W. Frankfort, IL.

62896

To Whom it May Concern,

I oppose Mr. Osmani from obtaining
the Marion Sugung Center.

Lari Dencausa

307 E. Manila
West Frankfort, IL 62896

May 20, 2011

Attention: Illinois Board

It has been brought to my attention that if the Surgery Center that Dr. Ahmad is currently in the process of buying changes ownership to Mr. Ronald Osman, he will not perform the surgeries in Marion

I would just like to say this would be a great loss to not only Marion, Illinois, but surrounding communities that depend on his services. Yes, we could still travel but many will not due to many factors: health, gas prices, lack of transportation that far to name a few.

Dr. Ahmad is a great surgeon and I oppose this change of ownership. Please let him continue to purchase this surgery center.

Sincerely,

Debbie Faling

805 S Emma St.
Christopher, IL 62822

To whom it may concern.

I find the idea of
a attorney owned, doctors office
is unacceptable! Due to the fact,
attorneys dont know any thing
about medicine or care giving.
That should be left up to
the medical profession people.
My opinion I wouldnt go to
that facility and knowing I
wouldnt get the proper care. And
Im sure Im speaking for
a lot of people that feel that
way!

Kathy Cantwright

1517 DAVIS Ave
Johnston City IL
62951

To whom it may concern,

I will not be a patient at a health facility owned/operated by attorneys.

It is my opinion a health facility should be owned/operated by doctors or healthcare givers.

Sincerely

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

1517 Davis Ave
Johnston City IL
62951

To whom it may concern

Mr. Osman is not to be trusted. Dr. Ahmad does more for the community in one day than Mr. Osman has done in his entire life. Please allow Dr. Ahmad continue in the building of the Marion Surgery Center

Thank You

Bob Jumberson

Elvira, IL

To whom it may concern

I recently found out, that the future of Marion Eye Surgery Center, could be in jeopardy. I wish you would take a good look at this before making your decision. Many people depend upon the eye center, where most people would be better off, if there weren't any lawyers period. Especially dishonest lawyers. Please consider what would happen if the eye center were to close.

Thank You

Doug Kittle

*248 Wilcox Lane
Chag City, IL 62824*

To whom it may concern

I believe Dr Ahmad has a greater responsibility to the public than does Ronald Osman. I believe that Mr Osman's intent is to make money off his investment, where Dr. Ahmad's intent is to carry out a need that many have, and that is their sight. Please consider letting Dr. Ahmad do his good deed and continue his work at the Marion Surgery Center

Sherrie Kittle

248 Wilcox Bridge Lane

Clay County, IL

DOCTORS/HOSPITALS

LAWYERS/COURTHOUSE

NUFF SAID

KEVIN HUDGINS

144 SHADY

FLORA, IL 62839

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,

Bea Killei
Marion, IL

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,

Sherri Kitchell
248 Wilcox Bridge Lane
Clay City, IL 62824

Illinois Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center of Illinois

To Whom it may concern:

As an employee of Marion Eye Center I am very proud to say this is a wonderful company to work for...the care that Dr. Ahmad and the Staff are the best. I want to show my support for Dr. Ahmad in purchasing the Surgery Center..he is providing a service that is much needed in the Southern Region..

Thanks,

Sherri Hutchens

RR 1 Box97B

Johnsonville, IL 62850

I am not that good at writing letters, but I would like the review board to know that I totally support Dr. Ahmad in purchasing the surgery center in Marion. He has provided a wealth of care for the community.

Thank You,

William Hagen

3868 Bible Grove Ln.

Louisville, IL62858

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,

Joe Anderson



911 Buckeye

Flora, IL 62839

Dear Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board,

I understand that Dr. Ahmad planned to purchase a surgery center in Marion and faces opposition from an attorney, Ronald Osman. I don't understand why a lawyer should have any interest in medical decisions. I feel that he would not make the decisions that were in the best interest of the patient involved.

I also have been a patient of Marion Eye Centers. Their staff members and doctors are top notch, and I feel that losing them would be detrimental to Marion.

I oppose the Certificate of Need filed by Ronald Osman. I feel Dr. Ahmad should purchase the Marion Surgery Center.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Angela Clark
406 Greenwalt Street
Wayne City, IL 62895

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
2nd Floor
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the Certificate of Need that was filed by Ronald Osman for the purchase of Marion Surgery Center. As an employee of Marion Eye Centers and Optical, I have seen firsthand the contributions that Dr. Ahmad and his staff of doctors have provided to Southern Illinois. By not allowing Dr. Ahmad to purchase the surgery center, I feel it would not be in the best interest of the communities that the surgery center serves.

Please consider my opposition in this decision.

Thank you,

Jamie Keck
3183 Olive Street
Flora, IL 62839

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,

*Juni Pearce
16 Sunset Dr.
Hawthorn, IL 62839*

RE: Surgery Center in Marion Illinois

Dear Board Members,

Quite frankly, I don't understand the transactions that transpired when Dr. Ahmad was in the process of negotiating the purchase of the Marion I surgery, however I do not believe that there was unfairness in the process.

It only seems fair that a surgeon to practice there all these years and finally having the opportunity to purchase and continue his practice at the same facility only seems like the honorable thing to do.

I believe that Dr Ahmad should have the right of ownership in order to make the changes as he sees fit for his patients needs without having to go through a landlord to do so.

Please consider this when making your decision.

Best Regards,

John Hutchens



RT1 Box 97 B

Johnsonville, IL 62850

To Whom It May Concern:

Ronald Osman should not be granted the Certificate of Need to purchase the Marion Surgery Center in Marion, IL. Dr. Ahmad and his staff have provided great services to Southern Illinois and Missouri, and it would be sad to see them not provide their surgical services to Marion anymore.

Travelling to Mt. Vernon for eye care needs is not feasible for everyone. Granting the Certificate of Need to Ronalds Osman would make it very hard for many people to receive the care they need.

Please consider these things in making your decision.

Sincerely,

Rodney Keck
3183 Olive Street
Flora, IL 62839

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Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

(TO whom it may Concern,)

I oppose of the sale of Marion Eye Center to an attorney and not doctors that have run this place for years. Dr Ahmad has treated me with respect and has helped me through my treatments with his kindness and is a very good doctor. I do not want to see him leave this center and I hope he remains my eye doctor for years to come.

NAME Billy triplet

ADDRESS PO Box 603

Heroin IL 62948

PHONE NUMBER: 618-520-2317

May-27th. 2011

I don't want to see the lawyer Ronald Osman purchase Mainor eye center I have been coming here for 10 yrs. and my husband also but no we will not continue to come here if the lawyer ~~keep~~ buys it. Dr. Ahmad did my cataract surgery on both eyes and I got along beautiful and it really did help. I trust the Dr. + mainor eye center completely as it is. No I will not be coming here if a lawyer buys the place. Most lawyers are very dishonest and sometimes it is impossible to get the truth from them. And what does a lawyer know about eyes.

NAME: Frances Miller

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 103

Quail, Ill. 62972

PHONE NUMBER: 618-998-8570

In reference to Dr. Maqbool Ahmad trying to purchase the Marion surgery center I agree that who knows what the community needs better than the Dr. treating them. Over the years any dealings I have had with lawyers all they have concern for is the bottom line. They do not have any concerns on how they get their just that they get their and about the almighty dollar. A Dr. knows his/her patients; their need; their concerns and what is the best way to treat them medically.

I have recently learned that there is a lawyer going around our community and buying everything they can. If this is the case I don't see how this could help the patients of the Marion surgery center.

If this is found to happen (a lawyer being able to make this purchase) my family and myself (about 25 people total) will not do any continued business at the center.

NAME: James Hurst
ADDRESS: 8392 Worless Mill Rd
Marion, IL 62939
PHONE NUMBER: (618) 922-2954

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of support for Dr. Magbool Ahmad to purchase & receive ownership of the Marion Surgery Center. He has been our doctor for a long time. We have always received outstanding & quality care. He goes above & beyond to make sure his patients are taken care of providing excellent healthcare that is needed in this area. Healthcare is very important and should be a top priority & concern to the people in this area. Given Dr. Magbool-Ahmad's well known reputation for providing needed & quality health care, along with the need for this health care, I believe it is very important & necessary that he be allowed to purchase the Marion Surgery Center. People deserve to have their health care considered top priority.

Mildred L. Eubanks

NAME: Harry Eubanks & Mildred Eubanks

ADDRESS: 1511 East Main St.
Benton, IL 62812

PHONE NUMBER: 618-438-7561

5-28-11

I think it is very important
to the city of Marion for Dr. Ahmad
to purchase the Marion eye center.
I know a lot of people can't afford
the gas to get to Mt. Vernon. I
really feel that you should let
Dr. Ahmad buy Marion surgery center.

Thank-you
Donna Moppin

NAME: DONNA Moppin
ADDRESS: 909 E. Boyton
MARION, IL 62959
PHONE NUMBER: _____

We would like Dr Ahmad to purchase the surgery ctr.
We have had several surgerney with him there and
it has been close to home and worked out well
for us.

Dalrah Gayuski RW- 5/27/11

Betty Belsher

NAME: Betty Belsher
ADDRESS: 407 Emporer LANE
Herrin, IL. 62948
PHONE NUMBER: _____

I think it would benefit all of
Southern ill area, so I agree on
this matter,

Thank you

NAME: Debra Keeling

ADDRESS: 1180 michaels Rd
Goreville

PHONE NUMBER: 995-9876

5-26-11

I am against the lawyer buying
the surgery center. He needs to stick
to his lawyer's business and leave the
doctor alone.

sign by U.A. Station
431 N. Hayden Ave
Salem, Ky: 42078

23 May 11

Illinois Health Facilities
and Services Review Board

To whom it may concern:

As a retired healthcare professional, I have had the occasion to make referrals to the Marion Surgery Center and Dr Magboo Ahmad in the past. The care provided to my patients by both has been excellent.

My family members have also experienced excellent care by Marion Eye Center.

My wife and I wish to maintain the quality of care locally provided by the Marion Surgery Center. We believe this would be best served by maintaining physician operated and owned facilities. As such we support Dr Magbool Ahmad's acquisition of the Marion Surgery Center.

We do not believe the sale of the Marion Surgery Center to Mr. Osman would be in the best interest of the facility or locally community.

~~Charles~~ Karen Welch

NAME: Charles & Karen Welch

ADDRESS: 611 Mc Cree Road

Energy, Ill 62933

PHONE NUMBER: (618) 942-3693

5-26-11

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN -

I AM IN SUPPORT OF DOCTOR AHMAD BEING ABLE
TO BUY THE SURGICAL EYE CENTER HE HAS NEEDED
FOR YEARS.

I BELIEVE THIS IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE USE FOR
THIS BUILDING AS IT IS ALREADY IN USE DOING THIS BUSINESS.

E. Arthur Frasley

NAME: E. Arthur Frasley

ADDRESS: 1410 E. PARKMAN ST

MANASSAS, IL 62959

PHONE NUMBER: 618-923-1015

I support Dr Ahmad non Ronald
Osman

NAME: CRYSTAL POWELL
ADDRESS: 10980 SARAVILLE ROAD
MARION, IL 62959
PHONE NUMBER: 618-694-4240

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to see the health care kept in Marion.

Dr. Ahmad should be able to purchase the Marion surgery center if at all possible.

I oppose Ronald Osman being able to purchase this site.

NAME:

Mildred L Sloan

ADDRESS:

1265 Pitts Rd.

Makanda, Il. 62958

PHONE NUMBER:

618-303-3393

Norman Sloan

1265 Pitts Rd

Makanda Il

62958

618.995-2184

I support Dr. Ahmad in purchasing the
Surgery Center. I oppose Ronald Osman.

NAME: Bonnie June Tooley

ADDRESS: 609 W. Blue Ave

CREAL SPRINGS IL 62922

PHONE NUMBER: 217-960-2466

I support Dr. Ahmad in trying
to purchase the Surgery Center.

NAME:

Jacie Amin

ADDRESS:

1712 Castleberry Dr.

Marietta, GA 30067

PHONE NUMBER:

618-203-3007

I am in agreement with Dr Ahmad, that
doctors offices should be controlled by doctors and
not lawyers and support him in ~~matter~~
opposing Mr Osman's purchase of the
Marion Surgery Center.

NAME: Norma Simmons

ADDRESS: 1495 Skawwood Dr Apt D
Marion IL 62959

PHONE NUMBER: 618 694-4125

5-25-2011

My name is Cathy Finney. I am a patient of Dr. Magbool Ahmad. It would be so helpful if he could purchase the building for his operations. A lot of us are Senior Citizens, and things shouldn't be ^{so} hard for the services we need!

Thank You,
Cathy Finney

NAME: Cathy A. Finney
ADDRESS: 604 N. 23rd St.
Herrin, Il. 62948
PHONE NUMBER: 618-788-5019

I support Dr. Ahmed.

NAME: Marilyn P Carter

ADDRESS: 475 Crescent Loop

Vienna, FL 32995

PHONE NUMBER: 1-618-895-3325

I support Dr. Ahmad.

NAME: Bobby D. Carter

ADDRESS: 475 Crescent Loop

Vienna, Ill. 62995

PHONE NUMBER: 618-695-3325

I Support Dr Ahmed

Meady Guinn

NAME Meady Guinn

ADDRESS 909 FOLLIS ave

Johnston city IL 62915

PHONE NUMBER 715 8666

after the info provided
It appears that the change of
ownership of the Marion sugar center would
be a matter of handship of the
take place — therefore, I expect it —
to be sold to Mr. Osman — Mr. Osman
needs to buy it.

NAME: _____

Carol Josten
13553 Allen Rd.

ADDRESS: _____

Corterville, FL. 32918

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Hello, we are hoping for doc. Pharmed
to get the property in Marion, so
people don't have so far to drive.
We would deeply appreciate
having the new office.

Thank you

Paul Ramsey-Gilbert

509 S. Pine St.

Zugler IL 62999



MARION EYE CENTERS & OPTICAL

Offices - Illinois

Anna
1-618-833-8359

Benton
1-618-439-2020

Carbondale
1-800-654-3562

Carbondale SIU
1-618-549-0615

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
1-618-643-2650

Metropolis
1-800-344-7058

Mt. Vernon
1-618-244-2777

Murphysboro
1-618-565-1405

Nashville
1-618-327-3900

Pinckneyville
1-618-357-2020

Salem
1-618-548-0100

Sparta
1-618-443-2020

Steeleville
1-618-965-2020

Vlenna
1-618-658-2195

West Frankfort
1-618-937-2442

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Debra Hall, O.D. • Brenda Hutchison, O.D. • Michael Kalaher, O.D. • Mollie Raddatz, O.D. • Emily Schwengel, O.D. • Emily Smith, O.D.
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Yours truly,

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

I oppose this project very much. This practice should be run by doctors, also the health care would be impaired, I will pray very much for this. Marion IL

Concerned Patient

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

Board members

This letter is in support of Dr. Ahmad buying the Surgery Center. Dr. Ahmad has done many surgeries at this Center and it is important that he continue this practice.

Please do not pass the Certificate of Need Exemption. We need Dr. Ahmad in the Marion area.



MARION EYE CENTERS & OPTICAL

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Cartersville
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Centralia
1-618-532-1997

Chester
1-618-826-5413

DuQuoin
1-618-542-3812

Eldorado
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April 15, 2011

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Yours truly,

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

I agree that the change of ownership would harm access to healthcare in Marion. We like Dr. Ahmad services to us and our friends.

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May 27, 2011

MAY 31 2011

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

HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are 20 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

I support Dr Ahmad on opening
the office in Marion.

Megan Dow

megan Dow

106 N. Hickory
Du Quoin, Ill
62832

We support Dr. Ahmad in his
services in Southern Illinois.

Sincerely,
Mary Ellen Smith
Lonnie Smith

P. O. Box 208
Dowell, IL 62927

I support Dr. Ahmad in
purchasing Marion Eye Center.

Julie Heik
109 S. 7th St.
Elkville, Ill
62932

5-26-11

I support Dr. Ahmad in
purchasing the Marion surgery
Center.

Ahmed Tolen
11410 Foxhunter Rd.
Mulkeytown, IL 62865

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Sincerely

Jessie Shelton
Paul Shelton

818 N. Howard
Du Quoin, Ill.
62832

I.L. Health Planning Board
Springfield, I.L.

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that the surgeons of the
Marian Eye Center will not do surgery
in Marian if the surgery center is sold to
Mr. Osman. Many patients will then
have to travel further to have their surgery

I oppose this certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Stephanie Bartm

8313 Indian Trail Rd
Ashley, IL 62808

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

members of the Board

I am opposed to the Certificate
of Need Exemption for the Surgery
Center.

Please think about the patients.

Thank You.



358 W Belleville St
Nashville, IL
62263

To whom it may concern,

I heard that Dr. Ahmad may have to do the surgery in Mt. Vernon Ill. its about 50 miles from here. I had my eye & foot surgery here at Marion surgery center. I'm sure it would have prolonged my surgery if it had to go out of town. Dr. Ahmad is the best. Who else would I go too.

Why does an attorney want a surgery center?
Would he raise costs?

I say No to Mr. Asman

NAME: Patsy Clark

ADDRESS: 608 Valmar Dr.

Marion Ill. 62959

PHONE NUMBER: 618 993 8209

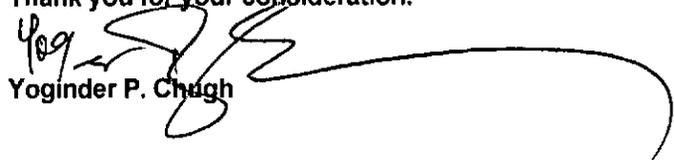
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May 22, 2011

To Whom It may Concern

I am currently a Professor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in an engineering discipline. I have learnt that Marion Surgery Center may come under the ownership of a non-medical person (an attorney). My personal experience is that such a move would not be in the best interest of the patients. I have been a patient at the Marion Eye Centers for the past 6-7 years and I have nothing but words for praise and satisfaction for the organization. Therefore, I ask that Marion Surgery Center be under the ownership of medical professional rather than business professional.

Thank you for your consideration.


Yoginder P. Chugh

Evangeline N. Chugh

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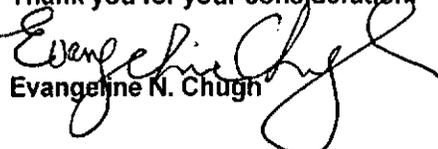
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May 22, 2011

To Whom It may Concern

I am currently a retired professional from John A Logan College. I have been a patient at the Marion Eye Centers for the past 6 years and I am a highly satisfied customer. I understand that Marion Surgery Center is being considered for purchase by an attorney. It is my opinion that medical services are best left under the purview of medical professionals. A professional center run by a attorney would not serve the patients well. Therefore, it is my recommendation that Marion Surgery Center be maintained under medical professional rather than a business professional.

Thank you for your consideration.


Evangeline N. Chugh

I oppose the change of ownership of the surgery center in Marion as this would impair access to healthcare in Marion and surrounding communities.

We need this important healthcare in our area - the center of southern Illinois.

Sincerely,

Germaine Hagler

GERMAINE HAGLER

11730 KEVIN LN

CARTERVILLE, IL 62918

Illinois Health Planning Board

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sirs:

I was very unhappy to learn that the Surgery Center was trying to be bought by an attorney. How can an attorney understand and know what type of eye health care the area most needs. I also feel the area will lose many good eye doctors if the buy is allowed to go through, since many of them do not feel comfortable working with this attorney. I therefore oppose the certificate they are asking for.

Thank you

NAME: Katharine J Jenkins

ADDRESS: 11560 Hickory Flat
Highland, IL 62249

PHONE NUMBER: 618-792-9578

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,

Larry Veldubrand
5-18-11

RR 1 Box 62B
Kinard, IL
62878

Dear Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board,

I am writing to oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for the surgery center in Marion, IL. I believe that a physician should be in charge of a surgery center instead of an attorney. I believe the facility should be owned and operated by a physician who has the patient's best interest at heart. If Dr. Ahmad and the other physicians at the Marion Eye Center do not do surgery any longer at the facility, it will be a hardship on the patients and the community. It is my understanding that Dr. Ahmad was in the process of signing papers to purchase the facility when he was undermined by Mr. Osman. I hope that you will take this into consideration when making your final decision.

Sincerely,

Anthony Harrington.



Flora, IL 62839

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,

Annabell Morris
805 E. 9th
Johnston City, IL 62951

To: Marion Eye Center
PO Box 1178
Marion, IL 62959-9938

From: John and Starlette Rowatt
PO Box 6
Cambria, IL 62915-0006

Subject: Marion Surgery Center

Date: May 24, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to acknowledge our support for Dr. Maqbool Ahmad to continue ownership of the Marion Surgery Center. We are both patients of Dr. Ahmad's staff. Dr. Ahmad and his staff have provided excellent care to their patients and we feel it is very important that the patients have access to a quality healthcare facility for eye surgery in our community and near our homes. We feel it would be a hardship for patients to have to travel to an eye surgery center out of our local community.

We strongly **oppose** a change in ownership of the Marion Surgery Center and are in full support for Dr. Ahmad to continue to retain ownership of the center.

Sincerely,


John Rowatt
Starlette Rowatt

I think The Marion Surgery Center should stay with Marion eye Center. Because it has help many people with eye surgery. Because it is close by for a lot of people.

Hope you get the Surgery Center we need it

NAME: Betty Clark

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 114
Hurst, Ill. 62949

PHONE NUMBER: (618) 987-2597

Dear Sir,

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

We feel it is important for all the
community to benefit from this surgery
center.

The care of this surgery center should be
left in the hand of physicians; who are
in the best position to determine the
needs of patients.

Sincerely,

The members

DuQuoin, IL

Please accept this letter as my plea to you to not allow Mr. Osman's Certificate of Need be approved. A surgery center should not be owned by a lawyer.


Michele Henson
2006 Washington
Ave., # 62839

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Sincerely,

Cassio L. Blakema

P.O. Box 2181

Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864