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SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

June 1, 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 27 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

05/25/11

member of the Board

I think it would be nice  
to have a place closer because  
of gas price and a lot of us  
don't have ~~transfer~~ <sup>transfer</sup>

Cathy Meng

5-25-11

2113 Ridge<sup>st</sup>

ELdorado IL 62930

5/25/11

5-25-11

I would like to see Dr Ahmad purchase  
the Surgery Center in Marron, IL.  
I feel we need to have a facility  
closer to our home for older patients.

Thank you

Julie Boyd  
PO BOX 192  
Eldorado IL  
62930

Illinois Health Planning Board

R.F. Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sirs:

I was very happy to hear that 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,

Jane H. Wilks  
204 E. Osborn  
Puncheonville, IL 62274

05/27/2011

RE. MARION SURGERY CENTER.

I have more than one problem with my eyes and will not stay if it changes hands.

I trust my doctor and will go where he goes.

How can you trust a lawyer if you have problems with him, you would be out of luck. Only doctors will be in our best interest. Yes, I oppose this change of ownership.

Linda Modlen

915 E. MOUND ST.

SPARTA, IL

62286

5-27-11

Dear Member 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 Marion Eye Center keep the surgery center operating for years. Why should this change now. We do not need to lose another business in this area.

Respectfully

Reto Keckuska  
201 South Poplar  
Tamaroa, IL 62888

May 27, 2011

Illinois Health Planning Board.  
A.E. Marion Surgery Center.

To Whom it May Concern:

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Thank you  
Missa Robertson  
4694 St Rt 127  
Pekinville IL  
60274

618 318 3946

5/25/2011

I support the plans for Dr. Ahmad purchasing the Marion Surgery Center. This would be good for our local community.

Whitney Sulkeson  
1470 Galatia Rd.  
Galatia, IL 62935

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to express my concern in the matter of the purchase of the surgery center in Marion, IL. I am in full support of Dr Ahmad purchasing this building. Dr Ahmad's purchase of the surgery center will ensure the quality eye care so many need and deserve remains local. It is very important to keep these services and physicians in our area. It will be a great inconvenience to many if they have to drive great distances just to receive the quality eye care that they could have received locally if Dr Ahmad were the owner of the surgery center. Therefore, I greatly oppose the purchase of the surgery center in Marion, IL to anyone other than Dr Ahmad.

Sincerely,

Melissa Lill

507 N 4th  
Vienna, IL 62995

TO Whom It May Concern:

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

I understand that the surgeon from Manon Eye Center will not do surgery at the Manon Surgery Center if it is owned by Mr. Osman. Patients would have to travel farther to have surgery. That would be more of a hardship to the people in the small communities around Southern Illinois.

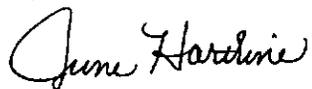
Sincerely,  
Jennifer Gunn

Jennifer Gunn  
10 W Whitcomb Rd  
Cypress, IL 62923

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that an attorney in our area is trying to purchase the Marion Surgery Center. I do not believe that it would be in the best interest for the patients to have their health decisions made by someone other than an eye care professional. This Center has been operating for many years and in my opinion it should remain operating as it is.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June Hartline".

June Hartline  
Marion Eye Center Patient

Vienna, Illinois

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

Opus Dwyer

58 County Hwy S32  
Sikeston, Mo 63801

IL Planning Board

RE: Marion Surgery Center, Marion, IL

To Whom It May Concern:

I feel that Mr. Osman is not a trustworthy person. I am opposing the application for the certificate of need exemption that was filed by him for the surgery center in Marion, IL. I feel this facility should be owned by operated by a trained medical professional like Dr. Ahmad. I would truly consider reviewing every possible avenue before considering this application.

Thank You,

*Erin Boland*

*Urbana, IL*

To Whom It may Concern

I oppose the change of ownership of the Surgery center in Marion IL, I firmly believe it is important to keep the services provided by the Marion Eye Center local, It would be very unfortunate if those in our area were forced to drive out of the area to receive quality eye care

Sincerely

James Gill



507 N 4th Str.  
Vienna, IL 62995

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir,

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

The Care of the Surgery Center  
Should be left in the hands of  
Physicians.

Sincerely,

Jason VanSickle  
305 W. Alley St. Apt B  
Salem, IL 62881  
(618) 267-6808

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir,

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

The care of the surgery center should be left in the hands of physicians

Sincerely,

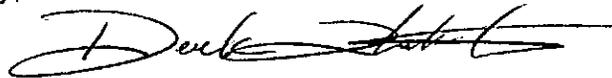
Kurtis Teitsort  
1431 N. Miller  
Salem, Ill. 62881

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 black ink, appearing to read "Duke Stoltz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

12518 E. Heritage Drive  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

I oppose this project, it should be run by  
De's. with clients interest.

Emily Little  
Jackson mo

5/31/11

To whom this may interest:

While I do not personally know Mr. Osman, I do object to any action pursued by him which may alter the public's benefit to excellent health care which the public has received in the past at Marion Eye Center.

Jerry F. Caldwell  
29110 Grapevine Trace  
Jammo W 62988

To: whom it may concern I agree  
that this change of ownership would  
ensure access to health care in Marion  
also, the surrounding communities.

We would like you to continue to  
provide care to the surgery center and  
community.

~~Sincerely~~  
Yours truly

C. Brooks  
PO Box 177  
Lilbourn MO 63862

I thank he used a good  
Drosman for the Surgery Center

I will see you 531-011  
321096m  
Cancel 62914

5-31-11

Sounds like a less than reputable  
individual. I would be opposed.

Guille Tucker  
3210 elm  
Carro cell 62914

5-31-11

I support Dr Ahmad in purchasing  
the surgery center

Gloria Hatfield  
509 15<sup>th</sup> ST  
Carroll MO, 62914

5-31-11

U support Dr Ahmad in purchasing  
the surgery center in  
manassas.

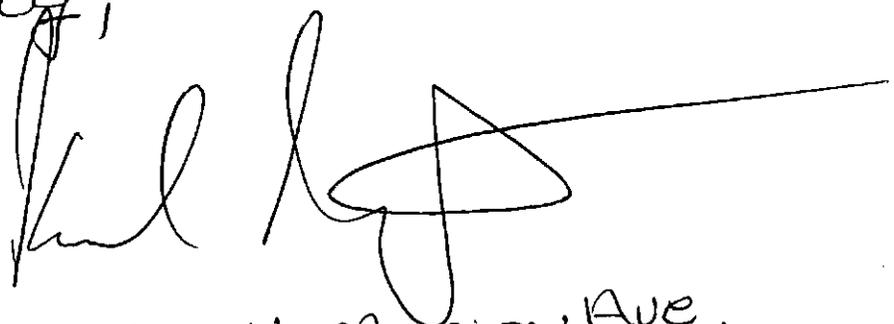
Rose Kline  
429 Chase St  
Perryville, MO 63775  
573-547-7020

Ref: Marion Exp Center

Dear Sir,

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul H. J. [unclear]". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the address.

508 N. MARION AVE.

Salem, IL 62881

Re: Manor Eye Center

Dear Sir,

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

Sincerely,

Todd Paden

6305 BASON RD  
SALEM, IL 62881

To whom it may concern:

As a 75 year old widow  
living on a fixed income who  
has cataracts (not ready for surgery yet)  
I certainly appreciate the Marion  
Optical Center being close to Vienna -  
Please do what is necessary to keep  
it where it is - not only for me  
but all who have the same needs

Thanks so much  
M. J. Taylor

P.O. Box 222

Vienna, IL 62995

I agree that we need more Doctors in  
Every field Even more Eye Doctors and another  
Building where they can do there Surgery's

Renay Lynn Myers  
HC-66 Box 1000  
Marble Hill, Mo. 63764-9300

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Sincerely,

  
Cheryl Harl

May 19, 2011

**Ref: Marion Surgery Center**

**Dear Sir:**

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

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

**Sincerely,**

*Roy W. Fulmer*  
*Beckmeyer, IL 62219*

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.

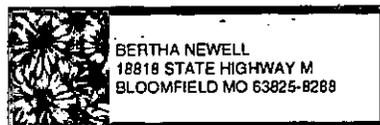
We need to keep the services of the Marion Eye Center in Marion. These services which have expanded over the last 33 years are very vital to many in our community but especially the elderly. It will be a hardship on our elderly population to have to travel out of our area for surgery. This impacts them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

*Bertha Newell*



ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD  
CONCERNING THE SURGERY CENTER OF SO. ILLINOIS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I WOULD CERTAINLY ADD MY  
THOUGHTS REGARDING THE SURGERY  
CENTER IN MARION.

HAVING BEEN A PATIENT OF  
DR. AHMAD AND HAVE BEEN MOST  
APPRECIATIVE OF THE TREATMENT  
RECEIVED BY HIM AND HIS STAFF.

I SURELY AGREE THAT THE  
DOCTORS SHOULD BE IN CHARGE  
OF THE FACILITY AND IT REMAIN  
OPEN AS IS CURRENTLY BEING  
RUD. PLEASE REJECT THE  
CERTIFICATE OF NET EXEMPTION  
REQUESTED BY RUD OSMAN.

THANK YOU -

John Giovanetti



John Giovanetti  
820 W. St. Louis  
Nashville, IL 62263-1136

I think a doctor should  
own Morian Eye Center not  
a ~~lawyer~~ lawyer

Darryl Bunsbatt  
4144 PCR 806  
Perryville, Mo 63795

I think Lawyers should not run  
Drs. Practices

Paul

GAenJob

573-576-4776  
407 State St  
Scott City MO 63780

I Edna Key Kendall  
Dr Ahmad get it

May 25, 2011

232 S. Ellis  
Cape Girardeau Mo  
63701

I support Dr Ahmad in purchasing  
the surgery center in Maroua ee.

Sabrina Flowers  
101 M<sup>o</sup> Bridg<sup>o</sup> Cts.  
Cairo A.O. 62914

Dr. Ahmad is a good Dr. I think a  
Dr. should buy the Marion Building.

Sincerely,  
Minnie Hutchings  
Box 106  
Leopold, Mo. 63760

5-25-11. Use Common Judgement and Sell it  
to Dr Ahmad, We have been  
Coming here for years, and we have  
no Complaints-

Mr. Norman Shelby

Mrs Norman Shelby-

Rt 2 Box 2750

Advance MO 63730

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my concern regarding the certificate of exemption you are considering. I believe Mr., Ozman should not get this center, this center should be run by medical professionals. I think that would be in the best interest of the patients. I believe Dr Ahmad and his staff would better serve the patients care. Im surprised this is even an issue as to which would be best for the patients involved. Please consider the best interest of the patients when making this decision.

Thank you.

Tina Wallace

Tina Wallace  
810 W. Wordan  
W. Frankfort IL

62896

To Whom this may concern:

I am under the understanding that an attorney Ron Ozman is trying to buy the Suregery Center in Marion. I oppose this transaction, I truly believe this Center should be handled by physicians who would better serve the patients and the care takers of these patients. I hope that this is being taken into consideration when making this choice. Dr Ahmad would be the best person to have this Center, He has shown he cares about patients, people, and the best interest of the people. He has run his Center very well and taken great care of all patients as has his doctors.

Wilma Fay Booker

*Wilma Fay Booker,  
21955 Akin Blacktop  
Thompsonville, Ill. 62890*

Members of The Board:

I am a patient of the Marion Eye Center, and I oppose the certificate of need exemption filed. The best interest of the patients would be for Dr. Ahmad and His Drs on staff to have this center. The patients, community, and staff at this center would best be served with a physician in control of this center, who understands patients care and need. Please keep this in mind when deciding.

Thank You

Dee Patterson

*Dee Patterson*  
*2944 Logan Rd*  
*West Frankfort, IL 62896*

5-25-11

I think that it would be extremely convenient if Dr. Maqbool Ahmad was able to purchase and open a surgery center in Marion to make it easier for the local community to be able to get transportation for their health needs. This is not only a great idea but a wonderful way for patients to get the health care that they need

Thank You,  
Amber Akins

107 State St.  
Galatia, IL 62935

5-25-11

I believe that placing a surgery center would be a good idea, because not only would it be convenient for people that have medical issues and can't sit in a car on long trips, but it would also bring more money and people into our communities.

M

Blair Melvin

510 Davidson St.  
Eldorado IL

Sincerely,

Paula Davis-Wells  
PO Box 950  
Hsbjg, IL 62946  
Ph 618-499-7990

P.S. I have worked in Health Care in  
Several positions. As the Social Services  
Designee for a nursing home in Hsbjg,  
I experienced the difficulties in  
finding quality <sup>eye</sup> care in the local  
area.

I DO NOT FEEL THE NEED IN HAVING A LAWYER  
BUY OUT AN ESTABLISHED EYE CARE FACILITY,  
IN MY OPINION AS A CUSTOMER I WOULD LIKE  
TO SEE DR. AHMAD BE ABLE TO KEEP THE BUSINESS/  
PRACTICE THAT HE HAS WORKED SO HARD TO  
ESTABLISH & KEEP.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name with a large initial.

5/23/11

Sikeston, MO

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,

*Melissa Rogers Lpn*

*Sikeston, Missouri*

I Support the Marion Eye Center and everything they do. I disapprove of the changing in ownership of the Marion Surgery Center.

Dan Clark  
900 N. 2nd St  
Eldorado Mo

To whom it may concern,

I believe it is in the  
best interest of the patients

To keep the surgery center  
open and Marion Eye center  
to run it we need health  
care in our community

Sincerely

Lisa Johnston

4830 HWY 45 S

HARRISBURG FL 32946

5/25/11

Dear Concerned,

I believe it would be in the best interest of my Community to have a eye center operated by a medical professional. I have worked in the coal mines for 36 years I would not want to work for a person who has no experience in coal mining but just wants to own the center as an investment.

Larry Feather  
1495 Lone Oak Rd.  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17146  
(618) 926-6251