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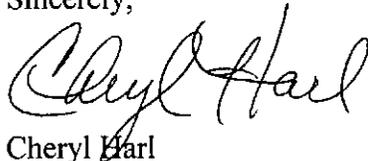
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 W. Jefferson St.
Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are 15 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,



Cheryl Earl

June 1, 2011

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir,

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

The care of this surgery center should be left in the of physicians not an attorney,

Sincerely

Robin M Vondra
Spokane, IL

To whom it may concern

I have learned that an attorney 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 them doing surgery in our town

Sincerely
Janae
Vondra
Sparta, IL

1 June 2011

Illinois Health Planning Board
Re Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sirs:

I understand Marion Eye Center is expanding. The convenience of having full time retina surgeons in this area is invaluable.

I would not bring my father to a facility that was run by an attorney and strongly oppose such a sale

Thank you,

Judy Horne for J. R. Todd
Sparta, IL

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, Ill.

To whom it may concern:

I understand that if the Marion Eye Surgery
will not be able to do surgery in Marion
if the surgery is sold to Mr. Oman. I will
have to travel farther to have my surgery
This will cause undue hardship & burden
me and the community, as a result
we all will suffer greatly.

I do not agree to this certificate of
need.

Thank you for your consideration,

With regards,

Maureen J. Sparta IL
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1 June 11

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Kim Lemnich & Sara Dewey
210 E 2nd St
Sparta, Ill. 62286

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Sincerely,

Matt Schuetz
Matt Schuetz
Sparta, Illinois

6-1-11

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

Sincerely,

David Mahalik
9400 W. Houston Rd.
Sparta, Ill 62286

6-1-11

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Dear Sir:

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

Sincerely,

Tramohalik
1400 W. Houston
Sparta, 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.

Brenda Cooper
Marlene Cooper

3878 Bible Grove Lane
Louisville, OH 62858

I have heard the surgical center in Marion, Illinois is in the midst of being purchased. I want to voice my opinion that it should only be purchased by a doctor.

I have also heard there is an attorney who is trying to prevent a doctor from buying it. This should not be allowed.

Tammy Lockett
904 Vandalia Rd
Louisville, IL 62858

May 25th, 2011

Marion Eye Center,

After studying the situation involving attorney Ronald Osman's attempt to buy the Marion Surgery Center, I would have to say I really hope that he does not do so. I don't believe that I would be comfortable going to a clinic run by a lawyer. The doctors running the clinic now are kind enough to set up payment plans for those of us who have no insurance. I just don't believe a lawyer would be kind enough to help someone that way. I'm sorry to say so, but I believe I would have to find another clinic if Mr. Osman became the owner of the Marion Surgery Center.

Sincerely,
Ellen D. Fortman

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Ms. Ellen Fortman
303 N. Church St.
Kinmundy, IL 62854

May 31, 2011

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad
Marion Eye Center
Marion, IL 62959

Subject: My Concern for the Marion Surgery Center

I and my wife, Nancy, have been your patients for many years and undergone various surgeries and treatments. We find great comfort in knowing that you are a highly trained eye surgeon and also the overall Director of the Marion Surgery Center activities. As such, you have your hand on the Center's medical pulse and knowingly direct the total daily activities.

My concern is with the proposed change of ownership and the detriment that would be created through ownership of the Surgery Center by a non-medical entity.

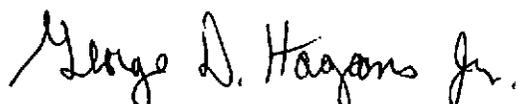
The Marion Surgery Center cannot be realistically run by an "administrative" person who does not possess the hands on experience nor medical and specialty training. "Administrator" connotes a common approach of "assembly line mentality, a jack of all trades, master of none". Specialized medicine will suffer greatly, as has been seen when "administrator" mentality direction has been used elsewhere.

Having served a full career in the United States Air Force, I recognize a similar parallel with the leadership needs of Marion Surgery Center. Military combat aviation is demanding and the people who are selected to fly the specialized aircraft go through years of training. Their progression to command position is reflective of a detailed process.

Military student pilots train for many years before they receive their individual pilot certification to fly a single aircraft. Place that aircraft in a four ship formation, the flight leader is in command because of his unique qualifications beyond just piloting skills. Leadership, experience and specialization further enhance mission accomplishment.

At each level of aviation command, it is always a specialized pilot selected to take the command position. Commanding thousands of personnel of various specialties, aviation wing commanders are always pilots because of their specialized and extensive overall aviation experience garnered over the many years of preparation.

My concern is that it takes a very special person to lead an organization such as the Marion Surgery Center. That person must have dedication and years of medical specialty training and experience. To do otherwise will lead to a catastrophic result in which harm will come to individual patients and ultimately result in loss of doctors and closing of Marion Surgery Center. The City of Marion and area residents thus become the overall losers. I support you in this endeavor to continue providing a medical surgical center that is so needed in Marion, IL.



George D. Hagans, Jr.
Colonel, USAF, Retired
3111 Edgewood Park
Marion, IL 642959



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Anna
1-618-833-8359

Benton
1-618-439-2020

Carbondale
1-800-654-3562

Carbondale SIU
1-618-549-0615

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1-618-594-2220

Carmi
1-618-384-5112

Cartersville
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

Flora
1-618-662-3202

Harrisburg
1-618-252-5377

Herrin
1-618-942-2900

Marion
1-800-344-7058

McLeansboro
1-618-643-2650

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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

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1-618-283-7100

Vienna
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Cape Girardeau
1-573-651-5200

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Dexter
1-573-624-4584

Poplar Bluff
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Sikeston
1-573-472-8181

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Maqbool Ahmad, M.D. • Faisal Ahmad, M.D. • Omar Ahmad, M.D. • Ukeme Umama, M.D. • George Ortiz, M.D. • Meth Linwong, M.D. • Robert Kippenbrock, O.D. • Mark Barlow, O.D. • Michael Billings, O.D. • Dirk Bochner, O.D. • Micah Brasel, O.D. • Dolly Campbell, O.D. • William Fix, O.D. • Lisa Hager, O.D. • Debra Hall, O.D. • Brenda Hutchison, O.D. • Michael Kalaher, O.D. • Rakhi Patel, O.D. • Mollie Raddatz, O.D. • Emily Schwengel, O.D. • Rachel Shewmake, O.D. • Emily Skibo, O.D. • Emily Smith, O.D. • Robert Smith, O.D. • Geoffrey Sneddon, O.D. • Shella Sneddon, O.D. • Lisa Thatch, O.D. • Keith Tyhurst, O.D. • Eric Weinbauer, O.D. • Beth Westell, O.D.

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

Handwritten note:
You are right.
HAND IN THE
Jim Feeche
205 MALONE ST.
P. INCKNEYVILLE, IL
62274-

Handwritten number:
6183579649

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,

Robert & Patricia Stewart

Marissa, IL 62257

5/25/11

to whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the change in ownership of the Marion Surgery Center. I believe that the change in ownership could be detrimental to the operations of the Marion Surgery Center and Marion Eye Centers as a whole.

My wife and I are both patients of the Marion Eye Center in Mt. Vernon, IL. and would hate to see the access to quality Eye care hindered in any way

Phillip A. Bauer

405 S. 19th
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
phone 618-242-1394

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Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

5-31-11

Mr & Mrs William C Davis

P.O. Box 349 Detroit Ill.

62924

Dr. Sir,

We my Husband & I William C & Cecla E Davis
appassing the Change of owner Ship in the
marion eye Center we want Dr Ahmad to
continue to own the Surgery Center

He has been our Dr for years & we have
been very pleased

we agree a Dr office should be controlled
my the Doctors not Lawyers.

William C Davis

Cecla E Davis

I Joyce Nichols will be glad to support Dr.
Magboul admad

Joyce Nichols

603 N. Merion
Carbondale IL 62901
Joyce Nichols

Regina Engineering

845 Cedar St

Alto Pass IL

62905

I oppose this change in
ownership:

Anna Engling

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the Surgery Center in Marion Illinois

I do not believe that a non-physician should be the Owner and in charge of a surgery center. I believe the Center should be run and operated by a physician has the patient best interest at heart. I am supporting Dr. Ahmad to be the Owner and Operator of the facility.

Seretha Riche

821 Somerset St

Marion IL 62966

To Whom it may Concern,

Good Healthcare is sometimes hard to come by in Southern IL. Providing such services locally would be a great asset to the community. I fully support Dr. Ahmad in purchasing the Marion Surger Center.

Sincerely,

Melissa Camasta

Melissa Camasta

1710 W Colonial

Carbondale, IL

62901

I SEE NO REASON why DR. AHMAD
should not DO surgery Ed MARSON!!!

~~Laury Laurentius~~

303 South Orange St
Jonesboro NC
62952

5/25/11

Dear Members of the Board

Re: Marion Surgery Center:

As the recipient of eye surgery in the past several years, I feel that it is extremely important for the doctors of Southern Illinois to have access to quality facilities that are close and affordable to the citizens of this region. The Marion surgery center has conscientious staff, who care deeply for their patients, and the doctors who work there provide a valuable service for the region. So many services have moved from the area, it is important that "personalities" do not deprive residents of much needed services.

Sincerely
Jeanne Wood.

(618) 351-9730

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RE: MARION SURGERY CENTER - MARION, #1

DEAR BOARD MEMBERS.

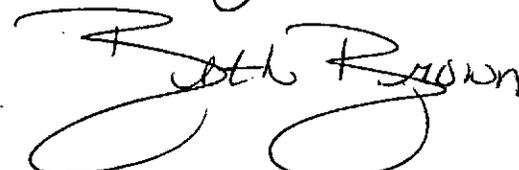
I AM A PATIENT OF DR. AHMAD AND
I WANT HIM TO GET HIS OFFICE IN
MARION. WE NEED IT HERE - TO BE CLOSE
TO - AND TO KEEP EMPLOYMENT IN OUR
AREA.

Sincerely.

RUTH G. MORBER
120 MORBER LANE
MURPHYSBORO, IL

My eight year old daughter and I are both patients here at the Marion Eye Center. We have always had positive experiences during our visits. However, if the Marion Eye Center (surgery center) ~~is~~ ^{is} bought out by Ronald Osman, my daughter and I will not continue to be patients. I am planning on having Lasik surgery in the near future and would not feel comfortable going to a surgery center where an attorney ran things. If you want to take someone to court, you go to a law office where attorneys run things. If you want your vision checked or need surgery, you go to "Doctors" office where doctors run things. It's common sense. Also, what about the elderly patients who have been going to the surgery center in Marion? They would have to drive to Mt. Vernon to continue to their care. What an inconvenience for them! I do pray that Dr. Magbool Ahmad is able to purchase the surgery center. It would be best for everyone involved.

Beth Brown
1561 Shoke Creek Rd
Murphysboro IL
62966

Thank you,


R.E. Marion eye center

Dear Board members

I oppose the application that was filed
by the attorney for the surgery center in
Marion

This would Inevitably hurt the community and the
patients

Bonnie Gend

PO Box 253

Elkhart IL 62932

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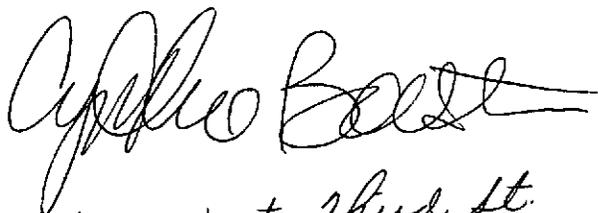
RE: SURGERY CENTER OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing this letter in opposition to
the Certificate of Need Exemption

Please think about the patients and
their welfare.

Thank you.



156 West Third St.
Nashville TN 37203

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Board members

I am opposed to the Certificate
of Need Exemption before your
Board for the Surgery Center of
Southern Illinois.

Elizabeth J. Sharp

556 S. Independence Ave.

Nashville, IL 62263

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To May It May Concern:

Please vote NO for the
Certificate of need for the surgery
center

Thank You.

Doug Sward
1114 W. St. Louis St.
Nashville TN 37203

To whom it may concern:

I support Dr. Ahmad in his purchase of the
Marion Eye Center. I believe the doctors do a
good job and don't want anyone else that is
not in health care running the center.

Sincerely

Betty S. Wright
3161 Sunfield Rd.
DeQuain, IL
62832

Do whom it may concern,

I Love the Marion Eye Center
and would never consider another
Eye place, I Support 100% Dr. Ahmad
in purchasing the surgery center
in Marion, Please consider them.

Thank you,

Marsha Niehoff
210 Nth 4th St.
Elkville, Il.
62932

618 924-1315

6/1/11

Re: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir:

I would rather see Dr Ahmed be able to acquire the Surgery Center. Care of eyes should be in a doctor's hands, not a lawyer.

Respectfully,

Rodney E Kelly

943 Iris Lane

DuQuoin, IL 62832

I, Wilma Zettler, do support
Dr. M. Ahmad to keep the
Marion Eye Center for Surgery

Wilma Z. Zettler
4214 Hill Rd
Tamaroa, Ill.
62885.

I support Dr. Ahmad purchasing
the surgery center in Marion

Phyllis E. Jordan
210 N. Beardoup Rd.
Pinckneyville, IL 62274

I support Dr. Ahmed in
the purchase of the Centaur
Marine, etc.

Carol Stacey
319 N. Linn
Dubon, etc. 1983

where I had my cataract taken
care of was at a location
that I could get to without
costing me a lot in gas so at
the price of gas today, it more
convenient for me to call and
go to MAISON Surgery Center,

Duquoin, IL

June 1st, 2011

Barbara Smith.
I agree with Dr. Ahmad.

PO BOX 15
Rockwood IL 62280

June 1, 2011

to support Dr. Ahmad in purchasing the
surgery center in Marion.

Helen Mott
101 Jung Ln.
Chester, Ill.

62233

I support Dr. Magbool Ahmad in
purchase the Marion ^{Surgery} Center.
I agree that change of ownership
would be harmful to the Healthcare.
Brenda Rhodes

R+1 Bay 2000
Glen Allen, MO 63751

I support Dr. Maqbool Ahmad
in his purchase of the Marion
Surgery Center.

Mary Kimberly Schlosser

June 1, 2011

1729 Grandview

Cape Girardeau, MO 63701