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June 7, 2011

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

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

Dear Mike:

Attached are Two Hundred and ninety-two (292) additional letters of opposition from the community for the above referenced project.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Foley, MHSA
Health Care Consultant

C: Mark Silberman, Attorney at Law

**RICHARD J. BECK, PHD**
**307 S. EASON DR.**
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March 20, 2011

Marion Eye Center
10 Doctor's Park
Carbondale, IL 62901

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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copy: Dr. George Ortiz

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Cordially,

Charles Parish

Charles Parish (Ph.d.) [retired:

Southern Illinois University]

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600 W. OAK
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March 31, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Marion Eye Centers is an excellent health care provider. I support their intent to purchase the surgery center. This will be beneficial for the local community and add convenience for all patients.

Sincerely,

Khalid Javed

1201 E Clark St
Herrin IL 62948

Patient

April 1, 2011

Swiyya Haqq
88 Southmoor St.
Carbondale, IL 62903

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter as a patient of the Marion Eye Center and I fully support the application of Dr. Ahmad to purchase the Marion surgical site. Dr. Ahmad is my primary eye doctor and I chose him as my ophthalmologist because of his sensitivity, professionalism and affordability of the Marion Eye Center services. I cannot stress enough to the Board the importance that Dr. Ahmad's application for purchase of the Marion facility be approved over that of an attorney. There is an outstanding need for a surgical center of this kind in the area. Without this center in Marion, patients (many of whom are elderly) in need of surgery will have to drive a considerable distant to get it. This is unfair and can be prevented. I therefore respectfully request that Dr. Ahmad's application for purchase be accepted and approved by the Board.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Swiyya Haqq
Patient

April 1, 2011

Ijlal N. Haqq
88 Southmoor St.
Carbondale, IL 62903

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter as a patient of Marion Eye Center in support of the continuation of the Marion surgical site. Dr. Ahmad is my primary eye doctor and I had surgery at the site performed by Dr. Olk and Dr. Ahmad. Their sensitivity, concern, and professionalism were outstanding. I was confident that they would perform a successful eye surgery. I cannot stress enough to the Board the importance that Dr. Ahmad's application intended for purchase of the Marion facility be approved over that of an attorney. My recommendation is that the surgery center remains in Marion and that it continues to provide patient centered services.

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Patient

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Mahasin Haqq
88 Southmoor St.
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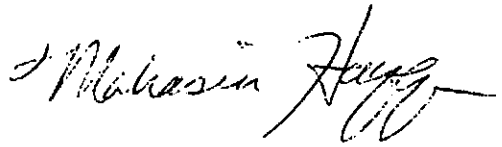

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Abdul Z. Haqq
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Sincerely,

Abdul Z. Haqq

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March 23, 2011

Marion Eye Center
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Marion, Il 62959-9938

Sirs:,

In Southern Illinois, (south of Interstate 64) the only things found in abundance are poverty and unemployment. I find it hard to believe that anyone would object to the doctors of the Marion Eye Center being allowed to purchase the Surgery Center. Dr. Ahmad and the other surgeons provide a valuable service at a reasonable price, within a short driving distance for their patients. I fully endorse their attempt to purchase the property.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patrick B York

622 S. Glenview Drive

Carbondale, IL 62901

April 2, 2011

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Marion Surgery Center

I am writing to express my support of the proposed purchase of the Marion Surgery Center by Dr. Maqbool Ahmed. As a medical facility it seems only right that the Center be owned, run, and maintained by medical professionals rather than by non-medical practitioners. An attorney, in my view, is not suitable for the proposed sale. Dr. Ahmed, on the other hand, is a well-respected practitioner, known throughout the area for his medical and managerial skills.

Dr. Maqbool Ahmed has provided outstanding and exemplary service to the Southern Illinois community for many years. The projected enterprise would benefit the community even further. I strongly support this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Nillofur Zobairi, Ph.D

(618-457-7396)

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March 25, 2011

Illinois Health Planning Board

This letter is written on behalf of the Marion Eye Centers & Optical.

My mother Zoe M Crawford has been a patron of this facility for 5 years and she lives in Calumet City, Illinois. Dr Ahmad and his competent staff supported my mom from double cataracts to glaucoma. She has to live with me because she also has Alzheimer's disease and I have a home in Thompsonville. I've chosen to continue my mother's optical needs at Marion Eye Centers because, as a caregiver, I trust their experience, honesty and integrity.

Marion Eye Centers and Optical has serviced the optical needs of our geriatric community in the Southern Illinois area for more than 30 years and should be able to continue their quest to continue this pursuit.

Sincerely,

Debra G Beach-Craig

Debra G Beach-Craig, PhD

773-343-2084

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Stacie Owens

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Wendy Owens

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Dale Wayne Potter

May 18, 2011
PO Box 52
Christopher, IL 62822

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It has come to our attention that an attorney of dubious motivation has initiated action to purchase the Marion Eye Surgery Center in Marion, Illinois.

My spouse and I have utilized the services of the Marion Eye Center in several area locations and we have never had an issue with our vision care that was not professionally and promptly attended to by the Marion Eye Center staff.

Therefore, it appears to us that the attorney attempting to meddle in a "logical best care situation" should not be allowed to purchase the Surgery Center in Marion, Illinois.

During my employment with the Illinois Department of Public Health; it was my pleasure to know and work with the staff who supported and served the Health Facilities and Services Review Board. Never was the Board swayed by the overt greed of those attempting to "make a buck" at the expense of those being served by the medical facility in question.

I urge all those on the Board to award approval to Dr. Maqbool Ahmad for purchase of the Marion Eye Surgery Center in Marion, Illinois.

Neither my spouse nor I have any pecuniary interest in this award only to ensure continued timely and accessible professional eye surgery services in the area.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Flentge, BS, DVM, MS

Dear Sir/ Madam,

My whole family is patient at Marion Eye Center. We are very happy with all the doctors. They do a great job.

We are writing to oppose the sale of surgery center to a non medical person. It would not be very good for patient care. We are requesting the board to vote against the sale to attorney Osman.

Sincerely,

Neelofer Saqib

67 Apple lane

Carbondale, IL 62901

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PEGGY BOST

1212 N 16 TH ST

MURPHYSBORO, IL 62966

We are writing this letter to ask for your support. As you know Dr. Ahmad, Dr. Ortiz, Dr. Umana and more recently Dr. Olk have been seeing patients and doing surgery in Marion for more than 25 years. Recently the Marion Surgery Center had come up for sale and Dr. Ahmad had signed a letter of intent to purchase it in order for our surgeons to do surgery there and to add additional retina services. A non-physician non-healthcare entity is presently trying to undermine that purchase and has applied to the Illinois Health Planning Board for a certificate of need. If this purchase and certificate is approved the surgeons of the Marion Eye Center and the newly hired retina surgeons will be forced to do surgery out of the Marion area, and we believe that our patients which are very happy with their surgeon will then also need to travel out of the area for surgery. If this is of concern to you as a patient and member of the community we are asking that you write a letter opposing this certificate. Our surgeons and staff would truly appreciate your support by writing a letter of opposition and returning it in the enclosed envelope. You may include any of the reasons listed below or any other objections you may have.

- Inconvenience to the patient
- Patients having to travel outside the area
- Patients will travel to the facility the doctors operates in because of his experience and integrity
- Lack of retina services vitally needed in the area on a daily basis
- Ownership and decision making by a non-healthcare entity
- Unknown future of the surgery center
- Loss of jobs in our community
- Loss of revenue for the community

We apologize that the time frame for you response is needed as soon as possible. We also encourage you to attend the public hearing Tuesday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. at Marion City Council Chambers located at 1102 Tower Square, Marion.

Thank you for your support.

We as a community must retain this resource. It enhances our socioeconomic viablity.

Sincerely

Tommy Crim
a concerned and
very satisfied patient

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**Ref: Marion Surgery Center**

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**Sincerely,**

Wanda Fiscus

**Wanda Fiscus**
1810 W Johnson St.
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1810 W Johnson St.
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I agree the change of ownership would harm healthcare in marion and the surrounding communities. I have been a patient of marion eye center for many years.

Phyllis J. Harris

Ms. Jane Harris
483 Concord Ct.
Carbondale, IL 62901

3/19/2011

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN , MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE USED THE MARION EYE CENTER AND ALSO THE SURGERY CENTER IN MARION,IT WOULD BE A GREAT INCONVIENCE TO US ,AS WE ARE SENIOR CITIZENS IF THIS MEDICAL SERVICE CENTER WAS TO CLOSE DOWN. AS WE GET OLDER IT IS NOT AS EASY TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES TO GET GOOD HEALTH CARE, BELIEVE ME GOOD EYE CARE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ALL IN THIS AREA, WE RESPECTLFULLY PLEAD WITH YOU TO KEEP MARION EYE SURGURY CENTER OPEN,

THANK YOU,

EDITH N. BEAVERS AND CHARLES G. BEAVERS
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Dear Patients,

As you may already know, my plans to purchase the Marion surgery center (where we do surgery here in Marion, not the office), were thwarted when a local attorney, Ronald Osman, went around me and negotiated a deal to purchase the very same surgery center I was in the process of buying. However, given the importance of ensuring there is access to quality healthcare in the community, this change of ownership must be approved by a state board called the Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

I am opposing this change of ownership and invite you to do the same if you believe, as I do, that this change of ownership would impair access to healthcare in Marion and the surrounding communities, rather than improve it or even maintain it. In deciding whether or not to oppose this project, I feel it is important for you to understand why I oppose the sale of Marion Surgery Center to Mr. Osman.

I do not trust Ronald Osman. I have had prior business dealings with Mr. Osman. He was, infact, my attorney. Despite being my attorney, he filed a lawsuit against me using the same information which he provided to me as my attorney, which was thrown out, but not before Mr. Osman was removed from the case by the Judge. There is an ethical rule for lawyers that basically says: you don't file lawsuits against your own clients. Mr. Osman did. Mr. Osman also took steps to buy this surgery center out from under me. His reputation for putting the best interests of the community speaks for itself – but I will also add that I believe a doctor's practice should be controlled by doctors – not lawyers – and should be focused on the best care for the patients.

It is difficult for me to say this, but if this change of ownership is approved, I will not continue to provide services at this surgery center. I am committed to provide care to you, my patients, and want to continue to provide access to quality healthcare at the surgery center near your home and in your community. However, I do not trust Ronald Osman and I cannot operate in the surgery center where he is the owner and in charge.

If you agree that this Change of Ownership would harm access to healthcare in Marion and the surrounding communities more than it would benefit it, please join me in opposing this project. Your written comments, typed or handwritten, should be sent to our address in the enclosed return envelope.

Yours truly,

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April 30, 2011

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad
Marion Eye Center
P.O.Box 1178
Marion Il. 62959-9938

As a patient at Marion Eye Center in Carbondale and having had eye surgery at the Marion Surgery Center in Marion, we support Dr. Ahmad in his effort to purchase the Marion Surgery Center. The local facility is much more convenient for patients in this area.
Dr. Michael Kalaher, O. D. is our eye doctor and has just told my husband that it is time for him to have his cataracts removed. We live in Campbell Hill, Il., which makes our choice of surgical centers, either Mt. Vernon or Cape Girardeau, Mo. Each is an hour and a half drive for us.
It is our belief that the proposed change of ownership would harm access to health care in Marion and the surrounding communities more than it would benefit it. Therefore we oppose this project and support Dr. Maqbool Ahmad in his efforts to purchase the Marion facility.

Sincerely,

Arvel L. Froemling and Barbara E. Froemling
P.O. Box 70
Campbell Hill, Il. 62916

I oppose the Change of ownership of the Marion Surgery Center to Mr. R. Osman Medical decisions Should be left to Doctors who take oaths to Save lifes + put patients interest first.

Thank you

Andrea Owens

May 04, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the ownership of the Health South Surgery Center going to Mr. Ronald Osman. Our community would benefit having Dr. Maqbool Ahmad over the surgery center. Dr. Ahmad and his associates have been in this area for many years and has taken care of our family members, neighbors and friends, in which many are unable to travel far due to transportation problems and gas prices but will do so if it means getting good eye care. I know keeping Dr. Ahmad and his associates practicing at Health South Surgery Center would benefit our community and the surrounding area. Please take our comments into consideration when making your decision on the ownership of this property.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cheryl Stewart

Healthcare Planning Board

REF: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Planning Board:

I understand the hearing had to be moved to the convention center due to the huge number of people and the vast majority were against Mr. Osman's application.

Best Regards,

Crystal Cox

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To Our Loyal Patients:

This letter is to clarify a misunderstanding some may have gotten from our letter of last week. **The Marion Eye Center is not for sale, nor will we be closing.** We have served the community for the last 30 years and plan to serve it far into the future.

The previous letter was regarding the surgery center in Marion (SCA, Southern Illinois Surgery Center), where our surgeons have performed surgery in the past is for sale. When the surgery center came up for sale, it was our intention to purchase it so that our patients in the Marion and surrounding area, could have surgery performed close to home. With the addition of two retina surgeons, it was also our goal to expand our retina services in the area, which are vitally needed.

An attorney in Marion, who is not our friend, has tried to undermine our purchase and has applied to the Illinois Planning Board for a Certificate of Need Exemption. If this attorney who is certainly not our friend is able to accomplish this, it would force our surgeons to go elsewhere to perform surgery. We believe this to be a detriment to the patients and our community for the following reasons.

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The Illinois Health Planning Board has scheduled a hearing to get feedback from the community. We encourage you to attend the public hearing Tuesday April 5, 10:00 a.m., at Marion City Council Chamber located at 1102 Tower Square, Marion, Illinois. If you can't attend but would like to write a letter of opposition and return it in the enclosed envelope, it would be truly appreciated.

To the many that have already returned their letters, thank you so much for your support.

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Yours truly, Elsie Depue

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

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Ms. Bettina Moxley
1206 E 208th Rd
Charleston, MO 63834

I agree with this statement! I am a patient of Marion Eye Center, have always been very happy with Dr Ahmad and am in favor of Doctor Ahmad's position. Thank you.

Bettina D Moxley RN, CCRN, BSN, ADN.
Charleston, MO 63834-9329

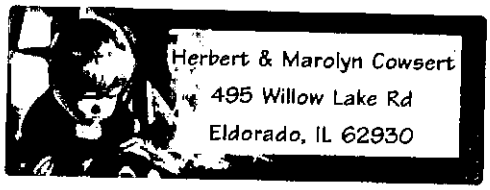
May 5, 2011.

To Whom it May Concern,

I am in favor of having a surgical center for the eyes close to home. I have had 4 surgries to my eyes and have had to travel to Mt Vernon for all surgeries.

In my opinion I think Dr. Ahmad should be able to buy this center and continue to serve Southern Illinois.

Thank you,
Marolyn D. Cowsert



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I agree that we do not want the Eye Center owned by Ronald Osman.

Mildred Espenscheid

I Amanda Hughes agree the change of ownership would harm Marion Healthcare. Therefore, I agree with Dr. Maqbool Ahmad.

Sincerly,
Amanda Hughes

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Yours truly, Ralph + Lonnie Hollmann

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

Dr Maqbool Ahmad.

We do believe that the Marion eye centre would be better off left to the health care in Marion (Not the lawyers)

Yours truly

Dale Hall

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We are writing this letter to ask for your support. As you know Dr. Ahmad, Dr. Ortiz, Dr. Umana and more recently Dr. Olk have been seeing patients and doing surgery in Marion for more than 25 years. Recently the Marion Surgery Center had come up for sale and Dr. Ahmad had signed a letter of intent to purchase it in order for our surgeons to do surgery there and to add additional retina services. A non-physician non-healthcare entity is presently trying to undermine that purchase and has applied to the Illinois Health Planning Board for a certificate of need. If this purchase and certificate is approved the surgeons of the Marion Eye Center and the newly hired retina surgeons will be forced to do surgery out of the Marion area, and we believe that our patients which are very happy with their surgeon will then also need to travel out of the area for surgery. If this is of concern to you as a patient and member of the community we are asking that you write a letter opposing this certificate. Our surgeons and staff would truly appreciate your support by writing a letter of opposition and returning it in the enclosed envelope. You may include any of the reasons listed below or any other objections you may have.

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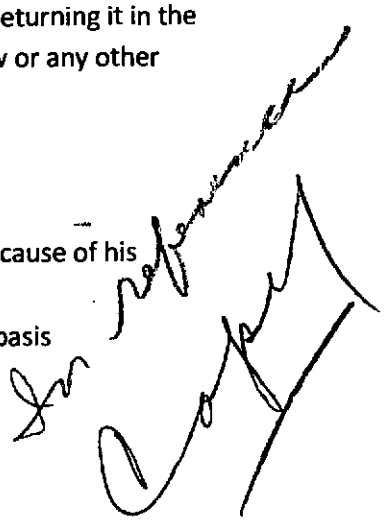


We apologize that the time frame for you response is needed as soon as possible. We also encourage you to attend the public hearing Tuesday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. at Marion City Council Chambers located at 1102 Tower Square, Marion.

Thank you for your support.

May 11, 2011
Cisne, Ill.

Marion Eye Center & Optical

Dr ~~[illegible]~~ AHMAD

Sir:

I received this letter this morning and you wanted answer on this letter. I'm not sure as I'm going to make good example or not.

I think we need this Hospital at Marion. It's not so far away that we can't afford to make the trip down there.

I'm a World War Veteran. I spent about 18 months in Germany during World War #2. I was just on the trip to Japan after I got my time in Germany. I don't know who took me off my trip to Japan.

I never had to go. I'm glad I never had to go.

Thanks for letting me know I'm still need to know about this letter.

Thank you.

Chester R. Johnson
Cisne Ill.

Chester Johnson
RR 2 Box 14
Cisne, IL 62823-9506

**Mrs. Betty Lou Renshaw**
701 S 29th St
Mount Vernon, IL 62864

To Whom it May Concern May 5, 2011

The dispute, getting our attention concerning the sale of the Marion Eye Center location in Marion, Il., is multi-faceted.

Besides being questionable as to how Atty. Osman acquired his knowledge of the prospects of sale of the clinic, it might have been, and does appear conflicting, as well as imposing infringements of confidenciality on his client Dr. Ahmad, who was making his offer to buy the Clinic.

In these revealing lights, I agree with the consensus that the Clinic and its operation should remain totally under the directions of the Health professionals; in which case the first concern of the Clinic's client benefits will not be subjected and be therefore mingled with the new owner's investment interests.

The first and best interest to the clinic and its clients is that its directors be all health professionals; that Like should remain with Like. The doctor now, feels uncomfortable in remaining as attending doctor to the Clinic. That would be of major loss to the patients.

Betty Renshaw, Mt Vernon, Il.,

Betty Renshaw

I oppose the change of ownership of the Marion Surgery Center to Mr. R. Osman Medical decisions should be left to Doctors who take oaths to save lives & put patients interest first.

Thank you

Blue Patton

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center in Marion, IL. I do not believe that a non-physician should be the owner and in charge of a surgery center. I believe that the facility should be owned and operated by a physician who has the patient's best interest at heart. It is my understanding that Dr. Ahmad was in the process of signing papers to purchase this facility when he was undermined by an attorney, Ron Osman, who does not have the patient's or the community's best interest at heart. This Certificate of Need should not be granted. If Dr. Ahmad and the other physicians at the Marion Eye Center do not do surgery any longer at this facility, it will be a hardship on the patients and the community.

I hope that you will take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Marta Conaughtley

2238 Logan Road
West Frankfort, IL. 62896

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.

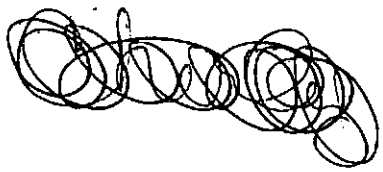
Sincerely,

2238 LOGAN RD
West Frankfort, IL
62896.

Hi Geri,

I have enclosed new letters (ORIGINALS) to be given to the patients to sign. You do not make copies of these letters. They are one of a kind.... After getting signatures, please send them to me.

Thanks so much for all your work!



Cheryl - I have only like 16 letters & left. I will get these signed & sent to you asap.

Geri
MCL

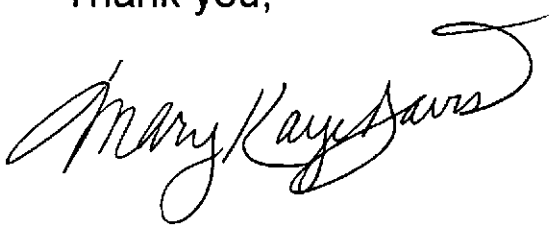
Planning Board of IL Healthcare

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Madam/Sirs of the Board:

We are in an underserved area for doctors for eye care. Marion Eye Center is doing a great job. Keep them with the surgery center.

Thank you,



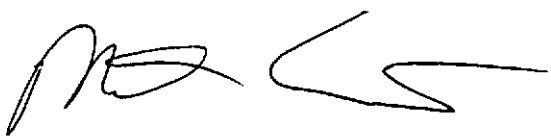
IL Planning Board
Healthcare Committee

RE: Marion Surgery Center

To Whom It May Concern:

95% to 98% of the cases done at the Marion Surgery Center are Marion Eye Center doctors' patients. How can Attorney Osman replace 95% of the surgery load?

Respectfully,



IL Healthcare Planning Committee

Re: Marion Surgery Center

To Whom It May Concerns:

Marion Surgery Center has survived for the last 15 years due to Marion Eye Center eye surgery patients. They should operate and own it. This seems reasonable to me. Please deny Ron Osman's application.

Thank you,

Verla R Richardson

Members of the Board
IL Healthcare

Ref: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Board Members,

Marion Eye Center does a great job for delivery of eye care in southern Illinois, including Public Aid patients. Please help them with the surgery center so they can continue this delivery of healthcare.

Thanks,

Kenneth Richardson

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

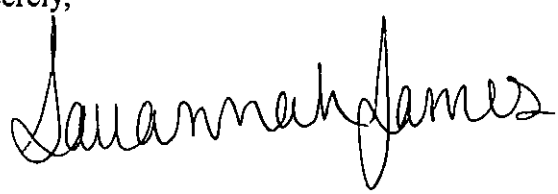
Dear Members of the Board,

It has come to my attention that the surgery center in Marion, IL, has filed for a Certificate of Need Exemption. It is my understanding that an attorney has filed this application. I believe a facility where surgery is performed should be owned and operated by medical professionals located in the area, not a non-physician attorney. It is not in the best interest of the patients and the community for an attorney to own this facility.

I oppose this certificate of need.

Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,



Dear Board Members,

I would like to voice my concern about Mr. Osman's request for a Certificate of Need. Although I don't know much about this process, I assume it is your responsibility to make a decision based on what is good for patients. The Marion Eye Center has been in Southern Illinois for the past 30 years. This has made it possible for the elderly and those of us on fixed incomes to be able to have surgery close to home. If the doctors no longer feel like they can do surgery here in Marion due to this request then many, especially the elderly, will have to travel to have surgery.

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

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Respectfully,

Marcella Jackson

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,

Teri Lancaster

Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentleman:

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

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

Regards,

Melanie Smith

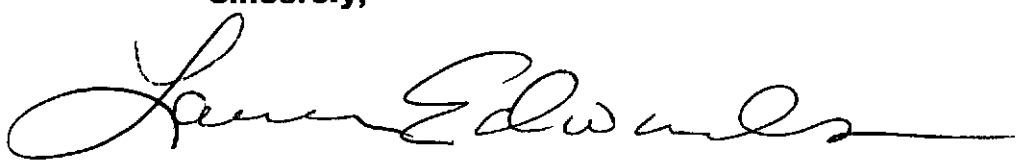
**Ref: Marion Surgery Center**

**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,**



To Whom It May Concern:

I read that an attorney in Marion is buying Marion Surgery Center. It does not make any sense that a non-medical person should operate a surgical facility.

I request the Board to consider not to sell the surgery center to an attorney.

Thank you,

Zb Didlund

*STATE OF ILLINOIS*
*HEALTHCARE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE*

*REF: SURGERY CENTER OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*
*MARION, ILLINOIS*

*DEAR SIRS/MADAM:*

*I HAVE BEEN A PATIENT AT MARION EYE CENTER AND AM VERY PLEASE WITH THEIR CARE TO ME. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT AN ATTORNEY IS TRYING TO BUY THE SURGERY CENTER. IF THIS HAPPENS, THE DOCTORS WON'T DO SURGERY THERE. I WANT TO STAY WITH MY DOCTORS. PLEASE HELP US!*

*SINCERELY,*

Terry + Jessica Middendorf

State Board Planning Committee

Healthcare Facilities Department

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a patient at Marion Eye Center. Those doctors do surgery at Marion Surgery Center in Marion. I don't think that surgery center should be run by an attorney. His main interest will be to make money rather than patient care.

Please deny his application to own the surgery center. I will be very thankful to you.

Sincerely, Gary Randazzo

To The IL Department of Healthcare Planning Board

Ref: Marion Surgery Center, Marion, IL

To Whom It May Concern:

I know almost all of the surgeries done at the Marion Surgery Center are by my eye doctors of Marion Eye Center. Why is Mr. Osman is trying to take it away from them, to close it?

Please deny his application.

Respectfully,

Nicole Taylor

Healthcare Planning Board

Ref: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

I heard that the hearing was held in the Convention Center due to hundreds of people in the meeting. Almost all came to oppose Osman. There is a message to the Board. I am certain the Board will factor that in their decision.

Regards,

To Whom It May Concern:

Marion Eye Center is well-known for eye surgery in this area. They are the ones who utilize the Marion Surgery Center. Almost certainly, without them surgery at that place will be closed. Give it to Marion Eye Center.

Thank you,

Lora Stewart

State Planning Committee
Healthcare Facilities

REF: Marion Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the sale of the surgery center to Attorney Osman.

Sincerely,

Shelby Ryder

State of Illinois Healthcare Facilities Board

Ref: Marion Surgery Center, Marion IL

To Whom It May Concern:

It was nice to see that a huge majority of the people attending the meeting were against Ron Osman's application. I hope the Board will honor the wishes of the people.

Respectfully, Beverly Edwards

To the IL State Healthcare Planning Committee

RE: Surgery Center in Marion, IL

Dear Committee Members,

If Marion Eye Center doctors don't do surgery at the Marion Surgery Center, it will be closed. They are the ones who utilized it almost 95% for the last 15 years.

Sincerely,

Madilyn Taylor

*To Whom It May Concern:*

*Medical professionals are the best people to own and run a surgery center. I am against the sale to an attorney.*

*Respectfully,*

Lela Mae Newton

IL State Planning Board

Ref: Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

In the hearing the overwhelming majority was against Ron Osman. The Board should listen to the people.

Respectfully,

Roy Newton

IL State Healthcare

Ref: Surgery Center

To Whom It May Concern:

I'll say no to Ron Osman. He does not deserve to run a surgery center.

Sincerely, Carol Smith
John D Smith

Re: Marion Eye Center

March 29th, 2011

To Whom it may Concern,
Please don't sacrifice the Marion Eye Center in Marion for the TIF project. There must be another way other than the 'either/or' approach. I use the Marion Eye Center and I was considering having the surgery done soon. Please don't make me, and probably many others drive extra hours and hundreds of additional miles for service we can get right here. I don't know if TIF will work out or not work out but I do know that Marion Eye Center works and works now.

Shaun Jabr

S. Jabr

Re: Marion TIF vs. Marion Eye Center

March 29th, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:
This is ridiculous! This is not about what you are empowered or able to do it is a matter of what is right and best for the area. Anytime you even consider shutting down a existing medical business that offers a valuable service locally it better be for a real good reason, and not just for the off chance that a TIF zone might, maybe, possibly encourage some additional economic activity. I and my family have relied upon the Marion Eye Center for years and I would like to know if anyone has asked the embarrassing questions such as:
-Have those behind the TIF effort financially guaranteed that they would develop the zone in a suitable time frame or do they simply want to increase the value of their property with the stroke of a pen?
-If this TIF project is so good for the locale then has any 'relocation assistance' been offer to the Marion Eye Center? (I seriously doubt it!)
-What about the thousands of customers of Marion Eye Center that will have to travel hundreds of additional miles for the service that exists locally now? Will they be 'compensated' for their additional difficulties or will all the gains stay in the pockets of those few behind the TIF?

Find a way to retain the Marion Eye Surgery jobs and the employment and the services that they provide us locally.

Sincerely

Tony Jabr

**Healthcare Planning Board**

**REF: Surgery Center in Marion, Illinois**

**Dear Board Members:**

**Why should an attorney own a surgery center? To me it appears medical people will be better people to own it.**

**Thanks,**

Robbie Edwards

Illinois Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

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

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

Sincerely,

Patricia Y. Smith

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the Certificate of Need for the surgery center located in Marion, IL. It has been brought to my attention that a non-physician attorney has filed this Certificate of Need Exemption. I cannot see how this would be in the best interest of patients and the community. It is my understanding that Dr. Maqbool Ahmad was in the process of purchasing this surgery center when an attorney, Ron Osman, became interested in the property. I do not agree with this application for an attorney to own and operate this surgery center.

Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Thank you,

Charles Smith

Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentleman:

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

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

Regards,

Pearl Jean Colyer

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

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Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Dare

To: Illinois Health Planning Board

RE: Marion Surgery Center

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As expressed in my concerns which I have state above, I ask that you not grant the requested Certificate of Need.

Sincerely, Ronald Wortman

To Whom It May Concern:

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

The Marion Eye Center has been in our towns for many years. Many patients both young and old go to them and have appreciated the convenience of having them in our community. It is not easy to get physicians and especially surgeons to come to a depressed area like ours. If this non-healthcare entity is allowed to operate the surgery center, which I might add has primarily kept its doors open due to the Marion Eye Center surgeons, I am fearful it will fail. We have seen many business closures and do not need another.

I oppose issuing a certificate of need to this entity and do not believe it is in the best interest of the community.

Sincerely,

Kacy Rusch

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,

Robert Ragan

IL Healthcare Planning Committee

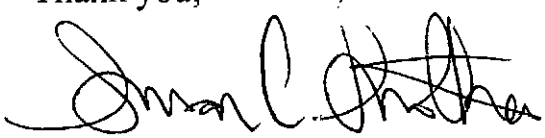
Re: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

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,



*To the Planning Board of Surgery Centers*

*Dear Members,*

*I am very happy with my eye doctor who helped me to see the world clearly again. Marion Eye Center doctors are wonderful who love their job. I have all my faith in them.*

*When I heard that Marion Surgery Center was being sold to an attorney, it made me write to you. I am against this sale to an attorney.*

*Sincerely,*

Nancy Edwards

Planning Committee for Healthcare Facilities
in Illinois

RE: Marion Surgery Center in Marion Illinois

Dear Planning Committee:

When Mr. Osman knows he had sued Marion Eye Center twice before, why is he trying to take the surgery center from them? Only patients will be the losers.

Sincerely, Carol A Smith

& John B Smith

I definitely oppose Mr. Osmans Purchase of this building. & Support Dr. Ahmads purchase of it.

Sincerely,
Marilyn J. Adams

Ms Marilyn Adams
5809 Saraville Rd
Creal Springs IL 62922-2204

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

I fully support Dr Ahmed's buying the Marion Surgery Center. He offers a great service to this community, and would be a terrible loss if his services were not continued here in Marion.

NAME: Julie A Stewart

ADDRESS: 920 Lick Creek Rd

Buncombe, IL 62912

PHONE NUMBER: 618-658-5770

I completely support Dr. Ahmad purchasing the Surgery center. I oppose the certificate of Need Mr. Osman is trying to get. It is in the best interest of the community and patients for a medical entity, preferably Dr. Ahmad, to own and operate the Marion Surgery Center.

Thankyou,

Amanda J Grant

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NAME: Amanda J Grant

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Dear Patients,

As you may already know, my plans to purchase the Marion surgery center (where we do surgery here in Marion, not the office), were thwarted when a local attorney, Ronald Osman, went around me and negotiated a deal to purchase the very same surgery center I was in the process of buying. However, given the importance of ensuring there is access to quality healthcare in the community, this change of ownership must be approved by a state board called the Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

I am opposing this change of ownership and invite you to do the same if you believe, as I do, that this change of ownership would impair access to healthcare in Marion and the surrounding communities, rather than improve it or even maintain it. In deciding whether or not to oppose this project, I feel it is important for you to understand why I oppose the sale of Marion Surgery Center to Mr. Osman.

I do not trust Ronald Osman. I have had prior business dealings with Mr. Osman. He was, infact, my attorney. Despite being my attorney, he filed a lawsuit against me using the same information which he provided to me as my attorney, which was thrown out, but not before Mr. Osman was removed from the case by the Judge. There is an ethical rule for lawyers that basically says: you don't file lawsuits against your own clients. Mr. Osman did. Mr. Osman also took steps to buy this surgery center out from under me. His reputation for putting the best interests of the community speaks for itself – but I will also add that I believe a doctor's practice should be controlled by doctors – not lawyers – and should be focused on the best care for the patients.

It is difficult for me to say this, but if this change of ownership is approved, I will not continue to provide services at this surgery center. I am committed to provide care to you, my patients, and want to continue to provide access to quality healthcare at the surgery center near your home and in your community. However, I do not trust Ronald Osman and I cannot operate in the surgery center where he is the owner and in charge.

If you agree that this Change of Ownership would harm access to healthcare in Marion and the surrounding communities more than it would benefit it, please join me in opposing this project. Your written comments, typed or handwritten, should be sent to our address in the enclosed return envelope.

Yours truly,

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

RUBY E. BUSEY
5-12-2014

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Yours truly,

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad Shirley Harris

5-19-11

I believe that what Ronald Osman is doing is not in the best interest for citizens of Southern Illinois, who needs Dr. Ahmad's expertise. I believe that this change of ownership would harm access to healthcare, not only Marion but also the surrounding areas. I definitely OPPOSE this project. Shame to/on Ronald Osmond and Marion City Council and Mayor Butler.

NAME: Deborah Anderson
ADDRESS: PO Box 2012
Herrin, IL 62948
PHONE NUMBER: 618-942-4267

To Whom It May Concern:

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

The Marion Eye Center has been in our towns for many years. Many patients both young and old go to them and have appreciated the convenience of having them in our community. It is not easy to get physicians and especially surgeons to come to a depressed area like ours. If this non-healthcare entity is allowed to operate the surgery center, which I might add has primarily kept its doors open due to the Marion Eye Center surgeons, I am fearful it will fail. We have seen many business closures and do not need another.

I oppose issuing a certificate of need to this entity and do not believe it is in the best interest of the community.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Smith

&

Family

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,

Brandon Logan

Dear Board Members,

I would like to voice my concern about Mr. Osman's request for a Certificate of Need. Although I don't know much about this process, I assume it is your responsibility to make a decision based on what is good for patients. The Marion Eye Center has been in Southern Illinois for the past 30 years. This has made it possible for the elderly and those of us on fixed incomes to be able to have surgery close to home. If the doctors no longer feel like they can do surgery here in Marion due to this request then many, especially the elderly, will have to travel to have surgery.

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

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Respectfully,

Oleska M. Johnson

May 19, 2011

I believe a medical physicality should have first priority to a place to treat patients in need. I have worked in the medical field most of my life and know how important it is to have what's needed to do good. Good Luck.

To Whom this may Concern:

I Ruby E. Denison believe that if the building is takin out from under the doctors that I am used to seeing than I would propbably quit coming. I am an Elderly lady who is used to only seeing Doctors that knows my case + Knows how to care for me without starting out all over again. I believe that if Dr ~~Ahmad~~ (Ahmad) is takin out of this building than I will be forced to perhaps go blind, because I am having trouble seeing and so far is getting better but if any thing changes. I will just give up.

NAME: Ruby E. Denison
ADDRESS: 12135 US Hwy 45N
Ozark, Il 62972
PHONE NUMBER: 618-771-7782

To Whom It May Concern,

We believe that Dr. Ahmad should be able to purchase the surgical place in Marion, IL.

Glen & Phyllis Smith

NAME: Glen & Phyllis Smith

ADDRESS: 1102 Heyford

Benton, IL 62812

PHONE NUMBER: 618-438-0871

I think DR Ahmad should be allowed to run his own clinic and take care of his patients.

Mr. Asmon is only looking at it for the dollar value and it should be run by a DR.

NAME: Al Mathn

ADDRESS: 503 E. 5th St.

West Frankfort, Ill 62896

PHONE NUMBER: 1-618-937-3428

I support Dr. Ahmad purchasing the Marion Surgery center and I oppose Mr. Osman getting the Certificate of Need. It would benefit the Community if Dr. Ahmad had it.

Thank you,
James Dickerson

NAME: James Dickerson
ADDRESS: 909 Royal Oak CT
Herrin, IL 62948
PHONE NUMBER: (618) 988-9970

I am in support of Dr. Ahmad owning and operating the Marion Surgery Center. And in opposition of Mr. Osman getting it.

Thank you.

NAME: Opal Bennett Opal L. Bennett

ADDRESS: 100 S Gray

Marion, IL 62959

PHONE NUMBER: (618) 997-7078

I support Dr. Ahmad in purchasing the Surgery center of Marion.

Jerry L Felts D.C

NAME: Jerry L Felts

ADDRESS: 1100 W Blvd

Marion 51

PHONE NUMBER: 993-2810

I believe Dr. Ahmad
Should get it. He is a
Dr. and knows the needs
of his patients,
An Attorney only knows
money.
Thanks

NAME: Glendal Wiseman
ADDRESS: 1290 Green hill Rd.
Eldorado IL. 62930
PHONE NUMBER: (618) 273-5826

Very Friendly and Courtesy
well pleased with FACILITY
Dr. AHMAD should surgery FACITETY

NAME: Roberta McLaughlin
ADDRESS: 3212 Cherokee Dr.
Marion, IL 62959
PHONE NUMBER: 969-0388

To whom may concern

I think that they should change the ownership of the Marion Surger Center

I oppose Mr. Osman getting the center

NAME: Nama J Smothers
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 177
Logan, Ill 62856
PHONE NUMBER: 439-3366

I fully support DR. Ahmad purchasing the surgery center in Marion, IL.

NAME: Adam Byrne

ADDRESS: 12110 Old Frankfort Rd.
Marion, IL 62959

PHONE NUMBER: _____

I support Doctor Ahmad and the Marion Eye Centers in their effort to purchase the surgery center in Marion, IL.

NAME: Mike Byrne

ADDRESS: 12110 Old Frankfort
Marion, IL. 62959

PHONE NUMBER: _____

RONALD OSMAN IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED ANYWHERE ANYTIME. HE WILL DO HIS BEST TO DESTROY MARION AND ANYONE PERSONALLY

NAME: Kelly Waggoner

ADDRESS: 1158 Carpenter Ct

Marion, IL

PHONE NUMBER: (618) 964-1794

05/16/2011

I fully support Dr Ahmad in his effort to purchase the surgery center in Marion, Illinois.

**I AM AGAINST THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED** for Ron Osman.

A Lawyer has no place having any ownership of a surgery center.

Especially a lawyer who has practiced personal injury lawsuits!

This is in comparison to putting a mouse in charge of the cheese.

Allowing Mr Osman to purchase the surgery center will be its undoing.

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Sincerely,

Maureen Kee

700 W 11th Street

Johnston City, IL. 62951

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...ealthcare Planning Board
RE: Marion Surgery Center, Marion IL

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Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Thank you,

Carl + Vera Reynolds

Dr. Ahmad we pray that you can get the surgery center here. We need you to do your surgeries in Marion so that your patients won't have to go to Mt. Vernon.

NAME: Carl

ADDRESS: 44 [illegible]
Herrin, [illegible]

PHONE NUMBER: 61[illegible]

I very much support the decision of Dr. Ahmad purchasing the surgery center.

Thankyou,
Charles R. Richey

NAME: Charles Richey

ADDRESS: 1104 N. Court St

PHONE NUMBER: (618) 982-2143

I believe it is important for ~~[illegible]~~ surgeries to be done locally. It is an extreme hardship for a lot of people to travel far distances (fuel cost & inconvenience when they need someone to drive/travel with them) Please keep surgeries in Marion for Southernmost Illinois patients I work for an agency that covers the southern 7 counties & know first hand the difficulties driving long distances create

NAME: Sharon Voelz

ADDRESS: 1235 Dutchman Lake Rd
Vienna IL

PHONE NUMBER: 658-9416

Shirley A. Gayer
P.O. Box 55
Spot Frankfort
Il 62896

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:

He Need the surgery center in Marion because some local residents can't travel to Mt Vernon.
Thank You.

As a patient of Dr Ahmad, I support him 100%. I believe his service is more important to this community and Southern Illinois.

NAME: Sharon Upchurch
ADDRESS: 10297 Burbank St
West Frankfort IL 62896
PHONE NUMBER: 618) 964-5083

To Whom It May Concern 5/19/2017

I strongly oppose Mr. Osman's purchase of the Marion Eye Center, and will no longer be a patient here if that happens. He has done too much damage in this community already! (Osmana)

NAME: Barbara J. Waggoner
ADDRESS: 1158 Cayman Ct.
Marion, IL 62959
PHONE NUMBER: (618) 964-1794

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NAME: ANISA Threadgill
ADDRESS: 712 N. MADISON street
MARION, IL 62959
PHONE NUMBER: 618-694-9807

May 19, 2011

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I understand why the surgeons would not feel comfortable working there with an attorney operating the facility.

I oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption.

Thank You.

Brenda Radcliffe
7095 Cherry Valley Rd
Marion IL 62959.

I do not want a lawyer owning a surgery center.

I support fully Doctor Ahmad purchasing the surgery center in Marion, IL.

NAME: Kyle Byrne

ADDRESS: 2110 Old Frankfort Rd
Marion, IL.

PHONE NUMBER: 618-993-1184

I fully support Dr Ahmad in his attempt to purchase the surgery center.

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NAME: Debbie Bayne

ADDRESS: 12110 old Frankfort Rd
Marion, IL. 62959

PHONE NUMBER: 618 993-1184

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,

Donna Adams

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

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Thank you,

Carole Ann Brewer
R.4 Box 481
Barnhill, IL 62809

Patient at Fairfield, Mt. Vernon
and Marion offices
of Drs Alk and Maqbool Ahmad

IL State Healthcare Planning Board

Ref: Marion Surgery Center
Marion, Illinois

Dear Board Members,

Marion Surgery Center is well-known for eye surgery because of Marion Eye Center doctors.

Why take it away from them?

Sincerely,

Beryl Harawood
PO Box 160
110 E Locust St
Galatia, IL
62935

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,

Mindy Lowery
1246 Walnut St
Eldorado IL 62930

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,

Shirley Finley
303 N East St
Norris City Ill
62869

*IL Healthcare Planning Committee*
*for Healthcare Facilities*

*REFERENCE: Marion Surgery Center*
*Marion ILL*

*Dear Planning Committee:*

*I have been informed that a Marion attorney is trying to take over a surgery center. It will be a bad thing. It is not a business like any other business to make money. I think it will affect patient care. I am against this.*

*Respectfully,*

Pandora Cochran

1101 Moore St
Eldorado, Il 62930

IL Healthcare Planning Board

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Planning Board,

I will oppose this sale. Please help the doctors and deny this application.

Sincerely,

1101 Moore St
Eldorado, IL
62930

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,

Rhonda K Hudspath
12356 N SPARROW LANE
MT VERNON IL 62864
618 315 9135

To Whom it may concern,

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Yours truly, I agreed with you.

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

Helen Westerfield

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center in Marion, IL. I do not believe that a non-physician should be the owner and in charge of a surgery center. I believe that the facility should be owned and operated by a physician who has the patient's best interest at heart. It is my understanding that Dr. Ahmad was in the process of signing papers to purchase this facility when he was undermined by an attorney, Ron Osman, who does not have the patient's or the community's best interest at heart. This Certificate of Need should not be granted. If Dr. Ahmad and the other physicians at the Marion Eye Center do not do surgery any longer at this facility, it will be a hardship on the patients and the community.

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Donna Adams

**Ref: Marion Surgery Center**

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**Sincerely,**

Sandra Vinyard
1116 Latham
Eldorado, IL
62930

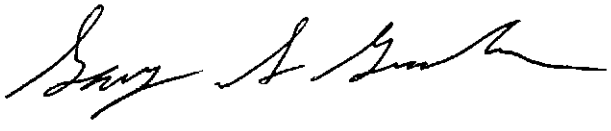
**To Whom It May Concern:**

**Dear Sir/Madam:**

**I came to know that Marion Surgery Center is for sale and being bought by an attorney. Why does this attorney want to run the medical facility? For the betterment of patients and good care of patients, this is not good. Please stop this sale to an attorney.**

**I vote against this sale to an attorney.**

**Sincerely,**



6260 Galatia Rd
Galatia IL 62935

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*I write this letter to oppose the sale of Marion Surgery Center to Attorney Osman.*

*For the patient's good care, I want you to consider Marion Eye Center to operate this medical facility. They will do their best to make their patients happy!*

*Sincerely,*

Linda Oster

412 Small St. Apt 4
Harrisburg, Pa 19948

Healthcare Planning Board

Dear Board,

I like my doctors at Marion Eye Center. Please help them to be able to do surgery at Marion Surgery Center. They can't work with Attorney Osman who had sued them in the past. Please deny his application.

Thank you,

Shelby Cudy
3305 Hwy 45 South
Harrisburg, Il. 62946

IL Healthcare Facilities Planning Board

Dear Members,

Please help the patients of Marion and the surrounding communities and deny the sale to an attorney who has only an interest to make money.

Respectfully, Jim Eudy

3305 Hwy 45 South
Harrisburg, IL 62946

To The Board Members, State of Illinois

An attorney owning and running a surgery center is not what I like to see. Please deny his application. I'll appreciate it.

Thank you,

Bonnie L Headrick
100 McDermott Rd -
Harrisburg Ill, 62946
618-499-4937

To Whom It May Concern:

Why should an attorney be given control of an eye surgery center. There are hundreds of other business to make money.

Thank you,

Amy Smith
118 S. Vine
Harrisburg, IL 62946

*To the Surgery Center Board*

*Dear Sir/Madam:*

*I am a patient of Marion Eye Center. I appreciate their services. Please help Marion Eye Center to operate the Marion Surgery Center. They can do a far better job than an attorney to run this medical facility.*

*I hope the Board will not grant this sale to an attorney.*

*Thank you,*

Nanette Morrison LPN

Nanette Morrison
1400 Jackson St
Eldorado Il 62930

Planning Committee for the State of IL Healthcare Facilities

RE: SURGERY CENTER OF SOUTHERN IL

Dear Planning Committee Members,

I don't know why Mr. Osman is buying a surgery center. It will be bad for patients of Marion.

Respectfully,

Michael Smith
P.O. Box 978
Shawneetown, Il 62984

To Whom It May Concern:

Ref: Surgery Center of Southern IL

The overwhelming majority was against Attorney Osman at the hearing. I am certain the Board will listen to those.

Thanks,

Danny Dale

P.O. Box 353
Equality, Ill.

IL Planning Committee for Healthcare

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Planning Committee Members,

I request his application be stopped.

Thanks,

Ann Lockett
155 Gooseby Rd
Eldorado Il 62930

IL State Healthcare Planning Board

Regarding the Surgery Center in Marion IL

Dear Planning Board Members:

So many people came to oppose Attorney Osman. That should send a message to decision makers.

Thanks,

Courtney Brannon
P.O Box 51
Ridgway IL
62979

I do believe a doctor's practice should be controlled by a doctor not a Lawyer. It should be focused on the best care for the patient

Betty Roberts
1010 Walnut
Eldorado, Il. 62930

May 11, 2011

To Whom it May Concern -

I am in favor of the Marion Eye Surgical center being purchased by Dr Amahad. The distance traveled by most of the patients in Southern Illinois is too far for most patients, especially elderly that can't drive.

Lora Mae Dunn
205 Goolsby Rd
Eldorado, IL 62930

State Planning Board
IL Healthcare Facilties

RE: Marion Surgery Center CON

Dear Sirs,

Marion Eye Center is the only center whose retina surgeons live in southern Illinois. It is a great help to the patients of southern Illinois. They need the Marion Surgery Center.

Please help them.

Sincerely,

Dennis Williams
921 Big Four St.
Eldorado IL. 62930

IL State Healthcare Planning Board

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sirs,

I am amazed that an attorney should own and operate a surgery center where the large majority of surgeries are done by eye doctors. Why so?

I am requesting that the surgery center board should stop this.

Thank you,

Mary Celestino
800 Ballard
Eldorado
Ill

State Planning Committee of Healthcare Facilities

RE: Marion Surgery Center

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand Marion Eye Center is the largest users of the Marion Surgery Center. I don't know why Mr. Osman is trying to take over when in the past has brought law suits against them.

Sincerely,

Pauline Williams
921 Big Fourst
Eldorado IL. 62930

*HEALTHCARE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE*
*STATE OF ILLINOIS*
*REF: MARION SURGERY CENTER, MARION, ILLINOIS*

*TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:*

*THE SURGERY CENTER SHOULD BE RUN BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, NOT LAWYERS!*

*SINCERELY,*

Denise Maloney
1824 Organ St. Apt 2
Eldorado, IL
62930

*To Whom It May Concern:*

*Please vote "NO" to the sale of the surgery center to Attorney Osman!!*

*Thank you,*

Donna Auzi
1406 Durnett
Eldorado IL
62930

*State Board for Healthcare Facilities*

*ref: Surgery Center of Southern IL*

*To Whom It May Concern:*

*I am requesting the Board Members to deny the application of Attorney Osman. It will help the eye patients of Marion Eye Centers.*

*Respectfully,*

Richard Vinyard
1116 Latham St
Eldorado Il.
62930

**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,**

Casandra L. Yadrick
207 Fourth St
Eldorado IL 62930

**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,** Donny Bowlds
840 Grayson Rd
Eldorado Il 62930

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,

Sharon Douglass
Broughton IL
6-28-17

Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentleman:

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

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

Regards,

Brenda Moad
1303 S McKinley
Harrisburg IL 62946

**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,**

Larry Moore
1303 McKinley
Harrisburg PA

To Whom It May Concern:

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

The Marion Eye Center has been in our towns for many years. Many patients both young and old go to them and have appreciated the convenience of having them in our community. It is not easy to get physicians and especially surgeons to come to a depressed area like ours. If this non-healthcare entity is allowed to operate the surgery center, which I might add has primarily kept its doors open due to the Marion Eye Center surgeons, I am fearful it will fail. We have seen many business closures and do not need another.

I oppose issuing a certificate of need to this entity and do not believe it is in the best interest of the community.

Sincerely,

Annabelle Smith
549 5th Street
Omaha Il 62871

Dear Board Members,

I would like to voice my concern about Mr. Osman's request for a Certificate of Need. Although I don't know much about this process, I assume it is your responsibility to make a decision based on what is good for patients. The Marion Eye Center has been in Southern Illinois for the past 30 years. This has made it possible for the elderly and those of us on fixed incomes to be able to have surgery close to home. If the doctors no longer feel like they can do surgery here in Marion due to this request then many, especially the elderly, will have to travel to have surgery.

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

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Respectfully,

Robert L Simmons

PO Box 94
Harrisburg IL
62946

Illinois Health Planning Board

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sirs:

I was very happy to hear that the Marion Eye Center was expanding their retina services. This would be very convenient to have full time retina surgeons in our area.

We have a very high elderly population with these types of problems and this would have made it very convenient for them. Now that the surgery center is being bought by an attorney that the surgeons don't feel comfortable working with, we may not get those vitally needed services. I therefore oppose the certificate they are asking for.

Thank you,

Ramos Rodriguez 5/9/11

404 S Combs St Apt 2B
Ridgway Il 62979

Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentleman:

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Regards,

Margaret Agers
PO Box 415
Equality IL 62934

**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,**

Kenneth Agnew

Equality, FL.

EYE CONTINUATION SHEET

Name No.

5/5/11

I Support the decision that Dr. Ahmad gets to perchase the Surgery Center in Marion. It would be more convienant for the elderly to travel to Marion. Or if a pt. was to have a retinal problem it would be much closer since it is a serious matter.

Angela Johnson
Po Box 85
Ridgway Il 62979

**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,**

Emily Doerman
1023 S Washington St
Harrisburg IL 62946

**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,**

Michele L. Ashley

30 Doc Road
Eldorado, IL 62930
618-273-6021

**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,**

Linda L. Hays
282 E. Rooseveltst
Shawneetown, Ill
62984

**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,**

Jay Miles
Rt 2 Box 383
Elizabethtown, Il
62931

**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,**

Tracy Nelson
295 Hamburg Rd
Raleigh Ill 62977

**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,**

Brenda Naughton

1360 Perkins Rd

Eldorado Ill 62930

**Ref: Marion Surgery Center**

**Dear Sir:**

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

**Sincerely,**

Marsha L Wilson
2215 Wasson Rd
Harrisburg, IL 62946

**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,**

Ivy E Bisham
2117 Fourth St
Eldorado Il 62930

**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,**

Amber Graham
6260 Galatia Rd
Galatia Il 62935

May 2, 2011

Dear Dr. Ahmad,

I sincerely hope that you are allowed to purchase the surgery center in Marion, IL. It will be a really good thing for optical patients in Southern Illinois since patients won't have to travel so far for critical eye care.

Mr. Osman is a lawyer. Why <u>ever</u> would he have need of a surgery center unless to close it down!

Sincerely,
Marsha L. Butler
140 Matt Lane
Whg, IL 62946

IL State Planning Board for Healthcare

Re: Surgery Center of Southern IL, Marion, IL

To Whom It May Concern,

It really puzzles me why an attorney should control a surgery center.

Regards,

LaDonna Gibbs

818 Poplar St.

Eldorado Ill. 62946

I'm in agreement with Dr. Maqbool Ahmed purchasing the eye center.

5-4-11

Amy Allen
1808 Saline Ave
Eldorado IL

It would be out of the best interest of the community for the center be maintained in the appropriate manner through Dr. Ahmad & support this thru this statement.

Jennifer Killion
1010 Murphy St
Eldorado IL
62930

To Whom it may concern,

My family and I are completely dependant on quality healthcare here in Southern Illinois. We believe that this Change of Ownership would degrade the services that we trust.

Please, For the sake of my Family and Friends, vote in Favor For Dr. Ahmad.

Thank You For any consideration given,

Todd Rider
228 S Kaber St
Ridgway Il
62979

I am opposing the change of ownership; Reinstate the fact that we need to Maintain A LOCAL Surgery Center. If a local Dr. wants to purchase this why oppose GROWTH - I am sure that 90% of our Sr. Citizens would appreciate having a center closer than St. Louis or Mt. Vernon.

I support Dr. Ahmad in his battle to purchase the Surgery Center -

Emily Anderson
1405 Wayne Rd.
Galatia Al 62935

I support Dr. Ahmad purchasing Marion Surgery Eye Center.

Tina L. Yager
1107 Murray St
Eldorado, IL
05-06-11

5/5/11

I support Dr ~~Ah~~ Ahmad in building his new Surgery Center I think it would be a great thing to have one here so we don't have to drive so far and it would be convenet.

Pullen
Canarr
2500 Union Grove Rd
Eldorado, Il 62930

5/5/11

To whom it may concern

I support that DR. Ahmad gets to buy the surgery center in Marion ill. Dr. Ahmad is a great Dr. I highly think it is a great idea that there is a surgery Center in Marion for us old ones who has to travel a further distance for our needs.

Shirley Kendall
1415 Benton St
Eldorado ill
62930

5/5/11

I support that Dr Ahmad get to purchase the Surgery center in Marion. Dr Ahmad is a great Dr. it is much closer and convient for People to travel that live in the area

George Schoonover
103 Dayton St
Morrisburg

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the Certificate of Need for the surgery center located in Marion, IL. It has been brought to my attention that a non-physician attorney has filed this Certificate of Need Exemption. I cannot see how this would be in the best interest of patients and the community. It is my understanding that Dr. Maqbool Ahmad was in the process of purchasing this surgery center when an attorney, Ron Osman, became interested in the property. I do not agree with this application for an attorney to own and operate this surgery center.

Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Thank you,

Bette Barron

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.

Richard Eldridge

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

Dear Members of the Board,

It has come to my attention that the surgery center in Marion, IL, has filed for a Certificate of Need Exemption. It is my understanding that an attorney has filed this application. I believe a facility where surgery is performed should be owned and operated by medical professionals located in the area, not a non-physician attorney. It is not in the best interest of the patients and the community for an attorney to own this facility.

I oppose this certificate of need.

Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Doris Kristoff
Anna, IL - 62906

IL Health Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center, Marion, IL

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Please consider this when reviewing this certificate of need.

Thank you for your time.

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,

Grace E. Garner

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

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Please consider this when reviewing this application.

Thank you, Albert W. Barry

May 12, 2011

I believe, Dr. Magbool Ahmad, has the right first to purchase the Marion surgery center. Because of the health issues that are for his patients in, Surrounding areas, need (his) this service. I come from Ozora and if Marion wasn't there, I'd probably have to drive to West Frankfort. With more miles of driving by my self and eye sight deteration, I could and others like me, just not go and receive treatments like the older generation should. I am, whole heartedly, for Dr. Magbool Ahmad purchasing the Marion surgery center.

Sincerely,
Doris Kristoff
Ozora, IL - 62906

I would not want someone such as the attorney to buy the building who is not out to help others. Dr. Ahmad is doing this to help others, by buying the building it will be very beneficial to everyone. Most Jws can not afford to travel faraway for help. Thank you for your time.

Linda Brown
2116 Forest St.
Eldorado, Illinois
62930

4-25-2011

I support Dr Ahmad in the purchase of the surgery center in Marion. It would be a huge inconvience to go elsewhere.

Thank You!

Amy J Collins
504 W Race St
Ridgway, IL 62979

Dr. Ahamd took cataracts off my eyes several years ago and I have not had any trouble since. He was a fine Dr. I didnt know he was still working or I would have tried to see him. I thank him for his good work for me years ago

Lee Caldwell
133 Logan St
Shawneetown, Ill.

I feel that Dr. Ahmad should have
Ownership to better serve his P.S.

Thanks!

May 12-2011

To Whom it may concern:

I would be in complete support of Dr. Amad owning/operating the surgery center in Marion, IL. It would be entirely more convenient and more accessible to all patients.

Thank you
Whitney Ashby

Whitney Ashby
1105 Taylor St.
Eldorado, IL 62930

5-12-11

To Whom It May Concern,

I understand that the surgeons of Macon Eye Center will not do surgery in Macon if the surgery center is sold to Mr. Osman. Many patients will then have to travel further to have their surgery. This is a hardship on the patients & the community will suffer.

I oppose this certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Walter Vickers
Joyce Vickers
500 White Oak St.
Stonefort, IL
62987

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois.

To Whom it may Concern:

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I appreciate your careful ~~cauted~~ consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely;

To Whom It May Concern:

Why is Osman so much interested in the surgery center? He should run some other business and law practice.

Thanks,

Hala Bailey
RR1 Box 77
Broughton Ill
62817

To Whom It May Concern:

Southern Illinois is an underserved area for medical care.

We are lucky that Marion Eye Center has retina specialists.

Sincerely,

Jo L. Janeway

4550 Raliegh Rd.
Eldorado, IL 62930

IL Healthcare Facilities Planning Board

Re: Marion Surgery Center

To Whom It May Concern,

For the last so many years, Marion Eye Center has utilized the Marion Surgery Center from 90-95%. Why should they not own and operate the surgery center rather than Mr. Osman?

Sincerely,

Blaine Blanford
PO BOX 70
Rosiclare IL 62982

I support Dr. Ahmad in buying the surgery center in Marion Illinois.

Pam Lawler
8230 Ruben Rd.
Ridgway, Illinois
62979

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.

Millie Porter

Thanks for Your Consideration,

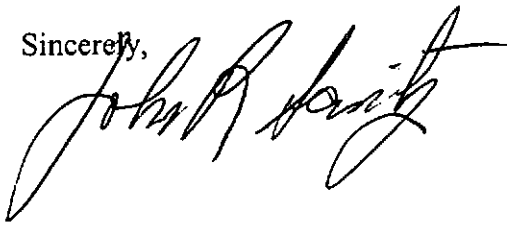
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

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,



Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

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I hope that you will take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Tracy J. Sims

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

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Sincerely,

Ryle Lowe

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

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Sincerely,

Antoinette Huppert

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

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Robert & Marjorie Stearns

Sincerely,

Illinois Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

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

Sincerely,

Randall E. Williamson
108 E. Fulton St
Ava IL. 62907

Illinois Planning Board
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Sincerely,

Margaret Sue Boaz

Illinois Planning Board
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Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Betty Fox
173 S Week Hom Rd
Gorham - Ill
62940

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
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IL Planning Board

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Please do not approve this certificate of need exemption.

Thanks for Your Consideration,

Michael Foreman

MICHAEL FOREMAN

I want to see the surgery center in Dr. Ahmad's hands.

Thank you,
Kathryn Edmonds

12 W. Sloan St.
Harrisburg, IL 62946

I feel that Dr. Ahmad should own the building to better serve his pt.'s.

Thanks!

# MARION EYE CENTERS & OPTICAL

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Donna Osment
203 E Borton
Creal Springs, Ill
62922

Yours truly,

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad. To whom it may concern, I am Elderly
Doc: Ahmad needs to be in Marion, I can't get for - and need him to be near.

Thank you

Donna S. Osment

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Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

150 Hwy 345
Harrisburg IL 62946

5/5/11

I would like Doc. Ahmad
keep surgery in Marion
Thanks Andrea
Brunston

I oppose anyone except Dr. Ahmad owning the Marion Surgery Center.

Johnny Dallape
12255 Binkley Road
Marion, IL 62959

I oppose anyone except Dr. Ahmad owning the Marion Surgery Center.

Roger Dallape
155 N. Hankins Road
Harrisburg, IL 62946

4-26-11

To Whom it may Concern:

I think it will be very benificial for Dr Ahmad to purchased the Surgery Center, in Marion. It would make it much easier for our pts to travel to Marion instead of Mt Vernon.

Thank you

Velma Ackley

1105 Taylor St.

Eldorado, IL

62930

We would appreciate it if Dr Ahmad were allowed to purchase the Same Day Surgery in Marion

Edward R [illegible] Roberta Dr Priest

April 29, 11

To whom it may concern,

I would like for the surgery center at Marion to stay open. I have been a patient there myself several times. I did not have to travel a long distance.

Sincerely,
Ruth Holcomb

Ruth Holcomb
906 First St.
Eldorado, Il. 62930

To Whom It May Concern: 4-29-11

I feel that ownership and operations of Marion Eye Center should be in the care of Dr. M. Ahmad. His care is for the people.

Mr. & Mrs. Norman L. Terrell
13698 Somers Church Rd.
Thompsonville Ill.
62890

Ref: Marion Surgery Center
Marion, Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

I have come to know that Marion Surgery Center where the vast majority of cases were done by my eye doctors is being taken over by a malpractice attorney. It seems to me that this attorney is trying to interfere with the business of Marion Eye Center.

I am very much opposed to this. Please don't let that happen.

Sincerely,

Walter A Drummond

8381 Woodbine St
Christopher, Il.
62822

*To The Surgery Center Board*

*Dear Board Members,*

*I am a patient of Marion Eye Center. I am very happy that we have a team of such great surgeons. They do their best in taking care of all their patients.*

*I am very much against the sale of the surgery center to Attorney Osman. I want to Board to consider Marion Eye Center instead, because this will be a better choice for better patient care in our area.*

*Sincerely,*

Betty Sink
1200 Fairland St.
Benton IL 62812

5/11/11

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing the following letter in support of Dr. Maqbool Ahmad retaining full control and ownership over the Marion Eye Centers and Optical. I have been a loyal customer since 2006 and to date could not find a negative statement against any and all services rendered. I have always been treated with respect and equality. Furthermore, any time I have had issues requiring repair or additional treatment I have always been helped to the fullest degree and most importantly in a timely manner. It would be a great disservice and likely cause me to change eyecare providers were the business to undergo such a needless upheaval. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Margaret J. Shadwell
5/11/11
1:22pm

May 11. 2011

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to oppose the C.O.N. Exemption for the Surgery Center of S.I. I do not believe that the facility (Non Physician owned) should be in charge of a surgery center. I believe that the faculty should be owned and operated by a physician, who has the patient's best interest at heart. It is my understanding that Dr Ahmad was in the process of signing papers to purchase this faculty when he was undermined by an attorney, Ron Osman, who does not have the patient's or community's best interest at heart. This C.O.N. should NOT be granted. If Dr Ahmad and the other physician's at the Marion Eye Center do not perform do not perform surgery's at this faculty, it will be a hardship on the patient's and the community.

Please consider all the above concerns when making your decision

Thank you - Sincerely.

Patricia F. Broemmel
614 S. Surrey Lane
Carbondale, IL 62901

I support Dr. Ahmad!

Maxine Schaeffer

I want Dr. Ahmad to purchase the surgery cutter. It would help patients.

5/4/11
49 Ford St
New Haven, IL 62867

05-04-2011

I think Dr. Ahmad should own the surgery center.

Sincerely,
Dawana Edmonds
249 Ford St.
New Haven, CT 06519

To whom it may Concern.

I oppose the possiblity of an attorney purchasing the surgery center in Marion. I believe a healthcare facility should be in the hands of Physicians. Therefore I think Dr. Ahmad would be great Dr. & owner of that facility.

Respectfully,

Harriet Horton

2190 Grand Ave
Eldorado, IL
62930

04/27/11.

It would be benefital to our area for the surgical centre & these services to remain open to benefit the incread geriatric population.

Thank you for considering this important service & keep this in our area.

Dennis Spivey

Please Keep The Surgery center

Robert Hall
Po Box 93
Equality Ill
62934

5/12/11

IL Planning Board

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Thanks for Your Consideration,

Aimee Lanigan

May 2, 2011

Dear Members of the Board,

This is in regard to surgery center located in Marion, IL. being purchased by Ron Doman. I am opposed to this and feel I want the surgery center being purchased by Dr. Magbool Ahmad. I feel more confident a Doctor would have more knowledge of my needs than an attorney.

Thank you,

Barbara Fraze

5-12-11

Illinois Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing because the Surgery Center in question may be sold to a lawyer, Mr. Deason. I think you should think about the patients, especially the older ones like me, when making this decision. I can't travel very far and I don't know what I would do if I had any eye problems.

Please remember the older people when making this important decision.

Leola Lehde

I have recently been informed that the Marion Eye Center is going to have a new owner which may not be at good interest to the Clients. I understand that he Mr. Osman is not a good businessman and may not have the communities best interest at hand. I do not approve of his kind of business practice and fear for the interest of the staff and clients involved in this crisis. I would hope that others will see his sick business practices and will see that he does not take ownership of the Marion Eye Center.

Thank You
Melissa Hoch

5/12/11

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I THINK MR OSMAN'S ONLY INTENTION IN THIS MATTER IS JUST TO BE AN OBSTRUCTION TO DR ~~Arnold~~. HE REALLY SHOULD STICK TO ATTORNEY WORK AND LET THE P.I.'S TEND TO THEIR PROFESSION.

To whom it may concern,

I believe Dr. Ahamed should move control of Marion Eye Centre because I would feel uncomfortable knowing a attorney would be telling a Dr. just what he could do or not do to my eyes.

Judy Tippey

To whom it may concern,

I believe it is in the best interests of the patients in Southern Illinois that Dr. Ahmad purchase the marion surgery center.

sincerely

Dan M. Wilks, Ph.D.

12 May 2011

Dear Ahmad:

Based on the contents of your letter and the situation described, I support your concerns for Ronald Osman gaining control of the Marion Surgery Center (as stated in your letter).

It would appear that you are genuinely interested in serving the needs of the community, while the other party does not appear to be.

From my understanding of the situation, you have a real and tangible concern for the personal and professional well-being of your patients and our community. Such concerns and needs should be placed before or above the financial or business aspirations of individuals who act selfishly or in a manner contrary to the public's interest. That being said, and all of your statements taken to be true, I believe you are actually acting in the public interest.

Sincerely yours.

Jerry W. Passon (Jerry W. Passon)

To Whom it May Concern

Dr Maqbool Ahmad has been part of my yearly eye care for years. He would be a great asset for the Growing City of Marion.

I think the underhanded dealings that Attorney Ronald Osman should be brought up to the BAR Acc. and have his Liscies Revoked. Mr Osman is Hurting the growth of Williamson County & the Great City of Marion.

Thanks

Sincerly

722 North St
Murphysboro Il
62966

May 12, 2011

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing this letter to oppose the Certificate of need for the Surgery Center. I have used the Surgery Center twice for eye procedures and I oppose anything that could cause this facility to close or move from our area.

I don't believe that an attorney should own + operate the Surgery Center. It would be hard for me to comprehend that an attorney would have the patients' best medical interest in mind.

Sincerely
Terry L. Kelly
309 West Chester
Pinckneyville, IL

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the change of ownership of the Marin Surgery center. I agree a doctor's practice should be controlled by doctor's and I believe Dr. Ahmad would be better qualified to own the Marin Surgery Center.

Thank You,

April Srna

Chester

5-11-11

To Whom it may Concern:

I am aware of the situation of Mr. Osman wanting to purchase a surgery center in Marion. I believe this is a big mistake. Surgery centers should be owned by a physician because they understand their patients. They also know what is best. Lawyers do not. They know the law. Marion eye Center has made it affordable as well as others to seek care for their eyes. Do not take this away from us. Do what is best for the patients not the attorney trying to make more money!

Thank You,
Laurie Schweigert

Chester

5-11-11

Laura Pugh

I wouldn't feel comfortable having Dr. Osman to check my eyes I have mistrust in him and having the Marion Eye Surgery in Marion to far to travel with the gas beginning so high.

It would be very inconvent to travel that far and you have too consider the elderly would have a hard time to travel. So I would ~~concerned~~ consider to see a different Surgen for my eyes I wouldn't think that my eyes surgery would be a non certified Dr. Osman is in charge of my eye surgery I would requert a different eye surgeon I would feel better if too keep Dr. Ahmad to continue treating my eyes.

Chester

5-11-11

To whom this may CONCERN:

I believe a health care facility should be owned by doctors not lawyers. This would be of great benefit for the doctors to own this, best for everyone involved.

Anita Marshall

Chester

Dear Health Facilities Review Board,

On upon Hearing that Mr. Osmond is trying to buy the surgical Center in Marion, I was a little dismayed, I can't understand, why a lawyer would be a better person to run and own this Center, them the Dr who would be utilizing the facility, In My Honest openion, the people who provide our Care should have the right to run their Buisnesses as they seem fit, the should also be able to own them if it is their wish to do so, Not some lawyer who is only looking for profit or Notoriety, When I choose My Medical proffesionals I put My trust in their abilities Not the abilities of a person who Knows Nothing of their Proffesion

Sincerly

Jill Walker

5-11-2011

5/12/2011

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Health Facilities and Services Review Board,

I am in opposition to the change of ownership of the Marion Surgery Center into the hands of attorney Mr. Osman. Should Mr. Osman become owner of the center, the Marion Eye Center surgeons would cease to perform surgeries there, forcing patient the inconvenience, added expense, and hardship of traveling elsewhere for medically necessary surgeries. The numbers you are aware of speak for themselves showing that the surgery center would not remain a viable business without the Marion Eye Center's cases.

The proposed change of ownership would impair access to local healthcare in southern Illinois. Furthermore, I feel a medical practice is best supervised by those in the medical profession, not those practicing law.

Please consider the above when making your decision.

Thank you,

Brenda Stritzel

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this because I oppose Ron Osman purchasing the surgery center in Marion. An attorney owning and managing a surgery center should NEVER be considered. Mr Osman would not have the well being of the patients in his best interest. Instead he would be concerned with the profits that the facility is making.

Dr Ahmad is an outstanding doctor who actually cares about his patients . There has been numerous occasions when a patient is referred to Dr Ahmad and they do not have insurance and Dr Ahmad see's these patients at no charge.

I feel that it is in the best interest of the Southern Illinois community that Dr Ahmad be allowed to purchase the surgery center. Regardless Dr Ahmad's patients will follow him wherever he goes, therefore it will not be profitable for Mr Osman to purchase the surgery center.

Thank You,

Julie Neace

I. Michael Hathaway agree
with Md. Ahmad 100%

Michael D. Hathaway

5-12-2011

Dr. Ahmad is the most honest and talented doctor I have ever met. He restored my husband's eyesight in 2007. He performed surgery on both my husband and I in Marion and it was an easy surgery with the professionalism of Dr. Ahmad, his nurses and office staff.

This center should be Dr. Ahmads so he can continue his wonderful work.

Marla Johnson

5-12-11

To Whom it may concern:

Why in the world an attorney want to purchase a surgery Center? He is not a doctor and does not have the best interests in mind for patients. Please don't allow Mr Osman to purchase this surgery center, please do what is best for patients and let Dr Ahmad purchase the Surgery center.

Thank You,

Lori McDonald

5-12-11

No to Mr Osman.

Dorothy Edwards

I oppose the change of ownership as it would be a hardship on a lot of people.

Janet Hafford

*To the Planning Board of Surgery Centers*

*I read in the newspaper that Marion Surgery Center is for sale. An attorney in Marion is competing with Marion Eye Center to buy it.*

*Marion Eye Center is a great place where we are getting the best services of the best doctors in this area. I feel that Marion Eye Center is a better choice for getting this surgery center.*

*I hope the Board will stop this sale to an attorney.*

*A Concerned Citizen,*

Naomi Burnett
903 Enterprise St.
Barton IL 62812

IL State Health Care Board

RE: MARION SURGERY CENTER

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Marion Eye Center doctors help so many patients from southern Illinois. Without them patients would have to travel to big cities. Please don't make it hard on them. Let them have the Marion Surgery Center to help their patients.

Sincerely,

Allen Fay

2378 Quint Rd
W. Frankfort IL 62896

*ILLINOIS STATE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES*
*PLANNING BOARD*

*RE: MARION SURGERY CENTER, MARION, IL*

*DEAR SIRS/MADAM:*

*I AM A PATIENT AT MARION EYE CENTER. I REQUEST THAT THE BOARD DENY THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR ATTORNEY OSMAN. IT WILL HURT PATIENTS.*

*YOURS TRULY,*

Barbara Ann Lance

IL State Health Care Facilities Planning Board

RE: SURGERY CENTER OF SOUTHERN IL, MARION, IL

Dear Planning Board,

Dr. Ahmad and his group are almost exclusive users of the Marion Surgery Center. Why take it from them to give to Attorney Osman. Not a good idea!

Regards,

Marilyn Knight
1028 Enterprise St
Benton IL 62812

To The Surgery Center Board

Dear Sir/Madam:

I heard that an attorney in Marion is competing with Marion Eye Center to buy Marion Surgery Center. Why is an attorney getting into this?

I request you to stop this sale to an attorney.

Sincerely,

Hailee Rodgers

504 S. Thomas

Christopher, IL

Health Care Planning Board

Dear Board Members,

I am happy with my care at Marion Eye Center. They have helped me. I would like to request the Board to give the surgery center to Marion Eye Center who had a contract to buy it.

Leonard Bunnett

903 Enterprise St.
Benton IL 62812

Thank you,

Healthcare Planning Board

REF: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sirs/Madam:

It is very obvious that the surgery center is more than a business. It is for the welfare of patients. An attorney is buying it to make money. It is not a good idea. Surgeons should own and operate this so they can help their patients.

Please consider this before you make this decision.

Yours truly,

Larry Storey

PO Box 145
Whittington IL 62897

*Healthcare Planning Board*
*State of Illinois*

*REF: Marion Surgery Center (Surgery Center of Southern IL)*

*To Whom It May Concern:*

*I am a resident of southern IL. I see doctors at Marion Eye Center. They have every kind of eye specialist which is good for the patients. They need a surgery center in Marion. If Attorney Osman buys the surgery center, they won't do surgery there.*

*It is not good for patients of Marion. Please help!!!*

*Sincerely,*

Lindell R. Minor
11048 St. Joseph Rd
Benton IL 62812

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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,

Grace Yost
West Frankfort

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,

Keri Robinson

Christopher, II.

Illinois Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

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

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

Sincerely,

Custa Stamps

5/10/11

To whom this May Concern:

I am a patient of the West Frankfort eye Center. I think the Drs. and staff they have are the best. I believe when it comes to the surgery facility it should be owned and operated by a physician who has my best care and interests at heart. I do not believe an attorney has the patients best interest at heart. It turned to a boardship on people of Dr Ahmad and his staff do not do surgery at this facility.

Thomas L Warren
Thompsonville

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,

Robert L James

West Frankfort

5/11/11

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,

Mark C Mandrell

(West Frankfort, IL)

Dear Members of the Board,

May 11, 2011

I am writing this letter to express my concerns on the application for a certificate of need exemption that was filed by an attorney for the surgery center in Marion, IL.

I oppose this application; I feel that this would in fact harm the community and lose jobs. It is not in the best interest of the patients.

Please consider this when reviewing this application.

Sincerely,

Melissa Carter
18858 Prior Rd.
Thompsonville, IL 62890
melissa483@yahoo.com

5-11-11

Members of the Board:

I believe that it is in the best interest of the community and the patients to have the Marion Eye 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.

Respectively,

Barbara Martin
804 E. Plum St.
Percy, Ill. 62272

As a patient of Marion Eye Center, please keep things just the way they are - it is so important we have a surgery center close to home.

Jane Knight

I believe the Marion surgery center should remain as is run by Drs. not Lawyer. I have been there and was very pleased.

Clarice Rippe

To whom this May Concern: 5-11-11

I am a patient who has had surgery at the Marion eye Center. I truly oppose to giving an attorney the option of having this Center. I feel this Center should be run by actual Drs. Some one who has and always will have the patients best interest at heart.

Thank You

Kim Gaither

Thompsonville

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Ill

5-10-11

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter to oppose the change of ownership of the Surgery Center of Southern Illinois. I believe the owner should be one who looks out for the well being and best possible service to his/her customers Ronald Ormanel does not strike me as this kind of person. Therefore I oppose this certificate and thank you for your time

Thank You,
Carrie L. Young

3-10-11

RE: Surgery Center of 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 by 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

Ted Howard
Benton, IL

5/3/11

R.E: 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,

Roseanne Stitely
(West Frankfort)

5/5/11

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center of So. Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center in Marion, IL. I do not believe that a non-surgeon or non-physician should be the owner of such a facility. I believe it should be owned and operated by a physician who would have the patients' best interest @ heart. It is my understanding that Dr Ahmad was in the process of signing papers to purchase this facility when he was undermined by an attorney — Ron Osman — who does not have the patients' or community's best intrest at heart. The Certificate of need should not be granted. If Dr Ahmad and his staff do not do surgery at this facility any longer, it would be a hardship on the patients and the community. Please take this into consideration.

Jeff C. Wollesen
(West Frankfort, IL)

5/10/11

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 any attorney. This facility should be owned and operated by a medical professional.

Please consider this when reviewing this certificate of need.

Thank You,

Beth Allestad
(West Frankfort)

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,

Jesse Wilson

Thompsonville, IL

62890

Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentleman:

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

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

Regards,

Mike Atkins Leigh

To Whom It May Concern:

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

The Marion Eye Center has been in our towns for many years. Many patients both young and old go to them and have appreciated the convenience of having them in our community. It is not easy to get physicians and especially surgeons to come to a depressed area like ours. If this non-healthcare entity is allowed to operate the surgery center, which I might add has primarily kept its doors open due to the Marion Eye Center surgeons, I am fearful it will fail. We have seen many business closures and do not need another.

I oppose issuing a certificate of need to this entity and do not believe it is in the best interest of the community.

Sincerely,

Donetia Laur Benton, Il.

Dear Board Members,

I would like to voice my concern about Mr. Osman's request for a Certificate of Need. Although I don't know much about this process, I assume it is your responsibility to make a decision based on what is good for patients. The Marion Eye Center has been in Southern Illinois for the past 30 years. This has made it possible for the elderly and those of us on fixed incomes to be able to have surgery close to home. If the doctors no longer feel like they can do surgery here in Marion due to this request then many, especially the elderly, will have to travel to have surgery.

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

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Respectfully,

Stephen Lane Benton, DC.

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Marion Surgery Center, Marion

The record of the Marion Surgery Center is eye patients almost exclusively. With no eye patients there, that place will be dead.

Please don't let that happen.

Thank you,

Jane E. Cavaness
317 McFall St.
Benton IL 62812

To The Member of the IL Dept. of Healthcare Facility Planning Board

Dear Sirs/Madam:

Almost all of the surgeries done at Marion Surgery Center are eyes for the last 15 years. If they move out the surgery center will close.

Regards,

Celina Rood

510 E. Matthew
Sesser IL 62884

To the Health Care Planning Board of Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

An attorney owning and running a surgery center is puzzling to me. Please vote no for Mr. Osman to own the surgery center.

Robert W. Reis

Sincerely,

1305 Bailey Ln Apt 259
Benton IL 62812

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,

Michelle Lay
2380 Quint Rd
West Frankfort IL
62896

Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentleman:

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

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

Regards,

Jesse Belscamper
PO Box 97
Logan, Il. 62856

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center in Marion, IL. I do not believe that a non-physician should be the owner and in charge of a surgery center. I believe that the facility should be owned and operated by a physician who has the patient's best interest at heart. It is my understanding that Dr. Ahmad was in the process of signing papers to purchase this facility when he was undermined by an attorney, Ron Osman, who does not have the patient's or the community's best interest at heart. This Certificate of Need should not be granted. If Dr. Ahmad and the other physicians at the Marion Eye Center do not do surgery any longer at this facility, it will be a hardship on the patients and the community.

I hope that you will take all into consideration when making your decision.

Christopher Anderson

Sincerely,

1059 Hunters Circle
Benton, IL 62812

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,

Kenny Maiek

21372 N. Meske Ln.
Bluford, IL 62814

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the Certificate of Need for the surgery center located in Marion, IL. It has been brought to my attention that a non-physician attorney has filed this Certificate of Need Exemption. I cannot see how this would be in the best interest of patients and the community. It is my understanding that Dr. Maqbool Ahmad was in the process of purchasing this surgery center when an attorney, Ron Osman, became interested in the property. I do not agree with this application for an attorney to own and operate this surgery center.

Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Thank you,

1289 Pershing Rd
W. Frankfort IL
62896

Healthcare Planning Board of State of Illinois

Dear Board,

I write to oppose the sale of the surgery center to Attorney Osman.

Thank you,

Velma K. Carson
10 Turtle Point Rd
Benton IL 62812

**State Planning Board**
**Healthcare Facilities**

**Dear Sirs/Madam:**

**If Marion Eye Center surgeons don't do surgery at Marion Surgery Center, it will make it difficult for me.**

**Sincerely,** Patricia A. Tate

9034 Aden St.
Benton IL 62812