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Dale Galassie, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Certificate of Exemption No. E-001-11  
Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Mr. Galassie:

The purpose of this letter is in response to correspondence you have received from Attorney John Womick dated June 3, 2011, and from Carolyn Swartos dated May 31, 2011. Assumptions in these two letters have been **made that are not true** regarding Mr. Ronald E. Osman.

As City Administrator and TIF Coordinator for the City of Marion (the City) I supervised planning the Hub Tax Increment Financing (TIF) boundaries in which areas of Marion were identified to be included in the TIF. The formation of a TIF is to identify blighted areas and properties needing site improvements and development. The Hub TIF is composed of 901 contiguous parcels. In planning this district (the city) our TIF consultant and I identified four needs south of Illinois Route 13 (to be included in the TIF plan): a strip mall that had fallen into decay, an abandoned movie theatre that needed demolished, a platted city street that needed to be built, and a blighted hotel property. In order to access these properties and for them to be contiguous the TIF included a strip of undeveloped parcels that we later found were owned by Ronald E. Osman.

At NO time during our boundary formation did I consider who owned the property or did I personally discuss the TIF formation with Mr. Osman. And may I say unequivocally that he did not have anything to do with the formation of this TIF nor was he aware of his property inclusion until he was formally notified of a public hearing (as were all 901 parcel owners).

I am available if you have any questions pertaining to this issue.

Sincerely,

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