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Dale Galassie, Chair
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Mr. Galassie:

I had the dis-pleasure of reading the April 27, 2011 article published in the Williamson County's daily newspaper, The Daily Republican (Osman, Ahmad duel over business) and would like to go on record with my observations regarding Ron Osman. I have known and worked with Ron Osman for over forty years; first as an employee of Monsanto then as a commissioned officer in the United State Marine Corps and now as a respected attorney.

While in the Marine Corps he commanded an artillery battery which was deployed to various parts of the world in defense our country. At that time in our history serving in the armed services was not popular, but Ron felt that it was his duty to serve and he served with distinction. I was stationed with Ron during this period and observed firsthand how he conducted himself. He always represented himself with dignity and honor; honor to his Marines and honor to the responsibility inherent in a Marine officer. Through his leadership he never lost a Marine!

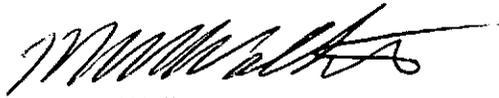
As an attorney he has provided my family sound legal advice and was the legal guardian of my children if my wife or I met with death while they were minors. This is not a decision that one assigns to just anyone, but was based on honesty, trust and a proven track record as a morally sound individual that would do the right thing for the right reasons. A few years ago I accompanied Ron to Brazil and saw firsthand how he handles business with his partner there. I was most impressed with his compassion and understanding of the obstacles that his partner faced while running a business in a foreign country. While Ron is not an active farmer he supported his partner's decision who was the on-site expert. I would except that respect for professional decision makers to carry over to the surgical center's operation in spite of Dr. Ahmad's concern.

Ron Osman's leadership in his community is commendable; he inspires those that come in contact with him to excel and reach beyond their self-imposed boundaries. He supports various



veterans organizations as well as numerous educational scholarships he has established to help those disenfranchised young men and women in the southern Illinois area.

In summery it is my distinct pleasure to endorse Ron Osman to purchase the Southern Illinois Surgical Center.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marty Walker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marty Walker
Director
Administrative Services