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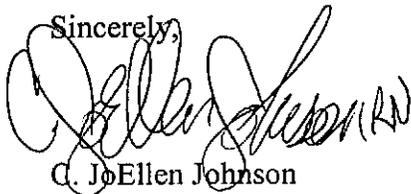
Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
2nd Floor
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am writing this letter in support of the pending Certificate of Exemption application which is referenced above. This facility is currently controlled and managed by a national surgery center chain(which is not physician owned) this transaction would not only bring local control and management to the Surgery Center and as one of few remaining staff, quite frankly sir Mr. Osman has made his intentions very clear. Retain remaining staff, make great strides for growth and improvement and continue excellent patient care and provide all existing and future doctors a first class facility are his intentions. This change in management would allow us to continue to service the needs of our local communities. Mr. Galassie, our facility is a wonderful place to work, we are more than co-workers we have become a family and our patients and our doctors feel this upon entering our facility. Just today I had a patient rave about how wonderful and caring the entire staff is and we pride ourselves on that. Please let Certificate of Exemption No. E-001-11 be transferred to Mr. Osman so our work family can continue providing excellent care to our patients and doctors.

Sincerely,



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