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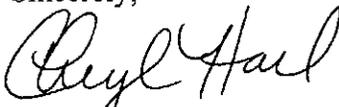
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 W. Jefferson St.
Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: **LETTERS OF OPPOSITION** - Certificate of Exemption - E-1001-11 -
Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are 21 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

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,

I ~~oppose~~ oppose this the Building
Needs to stay the same.

Robert A Rainey

1418 Salem Rd. Apt 20

Mt. Vernon

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, IL

To whom it may concern,

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I oppose this certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Jessica Cole
Salem, IL.

DEAR BOARD MEMBERS,

MARION EYE CENTER has been in Southern Illinois for years, MAKING it possible for people on a fixed income and also the elderly be able to have surgery without having to go miles AWAY from home.

IF The Surgeons or DOCTORS FEEL They CANNOT do Surgery Due To The Request OF MR. OSMAN I feel IT is your responsibility TO MAKE your decision BASED on WHAT is best for the PATIENTS.

Thank-you

Respectfully,

MARtha Randle
UM-I. Vernon

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,

Christina Fisher
RR1 Box 85
Ellery, Ill 62833

© Carol Webb hereby believe that Dr. Ahmad should be the one to hold ownership in this matter. It is more important for the benefit of patients to receive great care by Dr. Ahmad. The attorney should be forced to pull out of this situation and leave Dr. Ahmad alone.

Carol Webb
701 Herbert St.
Mt. Vernon, Ill 62864
618-242-0368

be oppose the change, I want
Dr. Ahmad to stay, he is well
known and very well liked. Please
think about it? Mike Wisnoski

Jesse, Jr.
Jrene Wisnoski
Jesse, Jr.

JOAN WILSON

I HAVE LEARNED THAT AN ATTORNEY IN OUR AREA IS TRYING TO PURCHASE THE MARION EYE CENTER. WE DO NOT OWNERSHIP DECISIONS BEING MADE BY SOMEONE THAT DOES NOT HAVE HEALTHCARE AS THEIR MAIN FOCUS. THE MARION EYE CENTER DOCTORS DO A GREAT JOB AND WE NEED THEM TO KEEP DOING SURGERY IN OUR TOWN.

SINCERELY

Joan M Wilson

4212 VALLEY FORGE RD
MT. VERNON IL. 62864

All three of us are opposing the change
of ownership to Ronald Osman. This area along
with Marion surrounding communities need Dr. Ahmad
and need to support him,

Thank you,
Clara Lee Robertson
Christina LaRoe W
Jessie LaRoe

5-17-11

315 N. Market Ave
Fairfield, IL
62837

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 hands
of physicians not an attorney

Joies Sykes
Carl Sykes
108 S 22nd
Mt Vernon Ill

I Agree With Dr. Magbool Ahmad
On The Purchase Of The Marion Eye
Center - It Is Important For Eye
Patients To Have A Surgery ~~Center~~ Center Close
To Thier Home, Thank You

Raymond E. Barnes
1419 So. 12th
Mt. Vernon, ILLinois
62864

Ph: 618-242-0303

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,

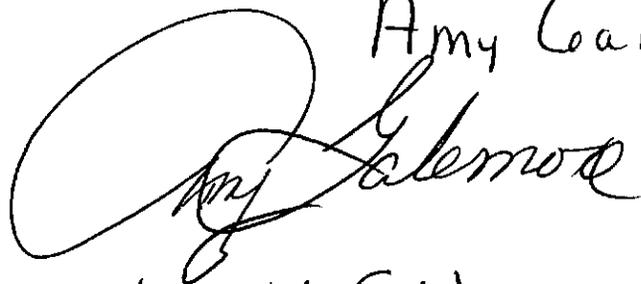
Luther M Bessler

2701 CASEY AVE.
MT. VERNON, IL. 62864

519-11

I oppose the change of ownership of the surgery center. It is the best interest of the patients to keep the surgery center under a doctor's ownership.

Amy Coalmore

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amy Coalmore".

101 N Coilmore

Charleston MO

63834

5-16-11

I, AM OPPOSING THIS CHANGE OF
OWNERSHIP AND SUPPORT DR. AHMAD
AND MARION EYE CENTER

THANK YOU
Schiff Keith Moore
CHARLESTON Mo.

Keith Moore
3580 S Hwy 105
East Prairie MO
63845

5-19-11

To whom it may concern,

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, Taylor Burke

Taylor Burke

754 N 401st Road

Charleston Mo 63834

5-19-11

To Whom it may Concern,

I oppose what this attorney is trying to do. Ownership of the Surgery Center should be left in the hands of the doctors, not lawyers. This change would greatly change healthcare in this area. Patient care should take the priority in this matter.

Sincerely, Julie Burke

Julie Burke

1754 N 401st Road

Charleston Mo 63834

5-19-11

To Whom it may concern:

I oppose the change in ownership of the Marion Surgery Center. I feel it is in the best interest of the patients to have doctors running the surgery center, not attorneys. Doctors work with patients, their health care needs on a daily basis and have patients as their first priority.

Sincerely,

Leslie Thresher

863 Spanish Grant Rd.
East Prairie Mo 63845

Leslie Thresher
Lawson Thresher pt.

5-19-11

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 the physicians not an attorney.

Sincerely, Melissa Vowels

Melissa K. Vowels

904 E Cypress

Charleston Mo 63834

5-19-11
I oppose the change of
ownership of the surgery center.
Patient care should be the most
concern and the surgery center
should be left in the ownership
of the doctors.

Thank you! (Elizabeth)
Libby Kemp

Libby Kemp

606 E Cypress

Charleston Mo 63834

5-16-11

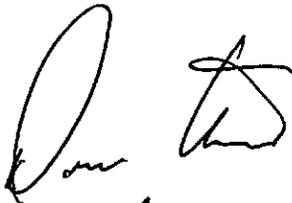
I, am opposing this change of
ownership and support Dr. Ahmad
and Marion Eye Center.

Thank You
Linda Moore
Charleston, Mo.

Linda Moore
3580 S Hwy 105
East Prairie Mo
63845

5/16/11

I agree that this change of ownership would harm
access to healthcare in Marion and surrounding communities
more than it would benefit it. I oppose this project


Charleston, MO.
Dennis Thurman
3578 S Hwy 105
East Prairie MO
63845

5-18-11

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,

Debbie Mason

18100 CR 426

Bloomfield, Mo 63825

May 23, 2011

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Attached are 22 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

TO whom it may concern,

Alford Rolerson ~~JK~~

Or, Magbool to by - CENTERS

Alford Rolerson

109 S. READER ST

MOUNDS IL 62964

I support Dr Ahmad in his efforts to purchase the Surgery Center. This will be close to my home and with the current gas crisis, that is important to those of us on a fixed income.

Thank you
Barbara Steele

Barbara Steele
104 S. Street
Tomboro, DE 1912
618-614-3251

Dear Members of the Board,

In my opinion, the surgery center in Marietta should remain in the hands of medical professionals, not an attorney who has no knowledge of the patient who use this facility. Dr Ahmad and the other medical professionals are more qualified to run this type of place; ~~and~~ Mr Osman should stick with what he knows best.

Please take all this in consideration

May 2002

August Tibaut
PO BOX 558
TAMMS FL
42952

418-833-7093

May 17, 2011

Dear Board Members:

I would like to express my concern about Mr. Osman's request for a Certificate of Need. I understand it is your responsibility to make a decision based on what is good for patients. Having the Marion Eye Center in Southern Illinois for the past 30 years has made it possible for the elderly and low income people to have surgery close to home. If the doctors feel they can no longer do surgery in Marion due to Mr. Osman's request, then we will have to travel for surgery.

I beg that you make the best decision for the patients.

Respectfully,

Wanda L. Wells

Wanda Wells
PO Box 35
Marion City, IL 62923
748-9288

5-13-11

Re. Marin Sx ctr.

Dear members of the Board,

I'm writing to oppose the Certificate of
need Exemption for the Surgery ctr. in
Marin, CA.

I believe that the facility should be owned
and operated by a physician like Dr. Ahmad,
who has the patients' best interest at
heart.

I had my eye surgery done there and
Dr. Ahmad did a wonderful job. In my
opinion he is one of the best surgeons in
this area and I hope he does many more
surgeries.

Sincerely,

Shirley Eastwood

Ann. Illinois

833-7950

I oppose the certificate of medical exemption
that Attorney Dr Osman is requesting.
The care of the Dr Carter & his patients should
be left in the hands of physicians not an
attorney.

Thomas Wilson
1436 Hanwell Square Rd.
Durham, N.C. 27896

I oppose Attorney Ron Osman to be in charge of
the Surgery Center - I think that Physicians
should be in charge of medical facilities. Wouldn't
want an attorney performing surgery on me -

Tim Melus
1436 Garrett Prairie Rd
W. Frankfort, IL 62896

Dear Board Member -

I feel changing the owners of the surgical center would be a great disservice to So. Ill. This is very hard for travel, due to time, money & resources. Dr. Ahmad has done an excellent job to thousands of people. Please leave it in the hands of a professional.

Quay Marshall.

Quay Marshall
1665 Casper Church Rd
Colborn IL 62920

893-2030

Dear Members of the Board,

I believe a facility where surgery is performed should be owned & operated by the medical professionals located in the area.

Not by an unprofessional, back stabbing attorney. Our attorneys have lost & forgotten about the reason they went to law school, For the people, not for their glory & money. I believe it is ^{NOT} in the best interest of the patients & the community for an attorney to own this facility. May God help us all!

Sincerely,
Cheyrl A. Ragsdale

65 W. Gros Crossing Rd
Colden, IL 62920

893-2349

I am behind Dr Ahmad and he should
own the Surgery Center -

Andy Melvin

712 S. Jackson

West Frankfort, IL 62896

618-833-4572

We do need the local center
and should be operated by
Medical Professionals

Lais L. Smith

P.S.

This location is perfect
for the people.

108 Turner Ave.

Anna, IL 62906

To Whom It May Concern,

Since most of us are older pts., the purchase of this facility would be of great convenience. So many of us depend on family members to go with us and with this being closer to all of us it would be so much more convenient. Thank you for listening to all of us who use this wonderful Dr. and could use this facility.

Thank you
Homer Ramsey

471 Hannon Rd.
Olmsted, IL 62970

Re: man on sx ctr.

To whom it may concern:

The care of the surgery ctr should be left in the hands of Dr. Williams and other physicians.

Please keep the sx ctr. running on main.

Sincerely

Doug Hatterum
3140 New Stanton Rd
Anna Pl. 6940
697-3424

Ref. Marion SX Ct

Dear Sir.

I oppose the certificate of need
that attorney is requesting.

The care of this SX Ct should
be left in the hands of physicians
not an attorney

Brenda Brown

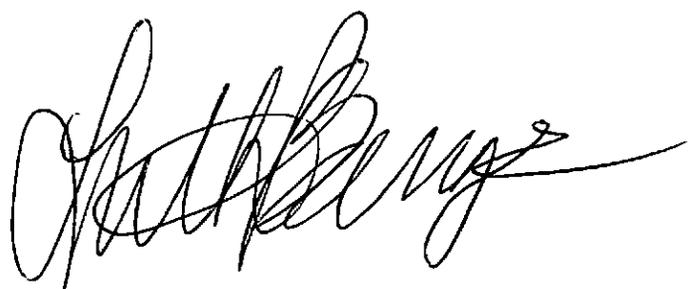
Brenda Brown

PO Box 631

Anne TX Corrado

614-4557

I am against Ron Osman being
in control of a medical surgery
center - I oppose the certificate
they are asking for.



16721 Old Creal Springs Rd.
Marion, IL 62959

To whom it may concern,

I support Dr Ahmad in his purchasing
of the eye center in Marion

V D F

P.O. BOX 827

JONESBORO IL

62906

Dear Board Members

I do not agree with a Lawyer owning a health care service. It should be run & operated by Drs. & or Medical persons. I don't want to go to a medical place owned by a Lawyer. Think Big when making your decisions. Because it will affect the ~~the~~ medical eye practice if Decision is wrong.

Marion eye Center Anna
patient
Linda J. Comte

Linda Comte
100 Walnut St
Codyden IL 61916

893-2437

Ill Healthcare Planning Board
R#: Marion Surgery center, Marion Ill,

To Whom it may concern
I am apposed of this ownership being
bought by Ronald Osman. I would
like Dr. Ahmad to stay in this
office

Glenda Franklin
2136 Hwy 127 N
Jonesboro IL 62952
573-270 7445

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I understand the surgeons on Maxim Eye Ctr. will not do Sx on Maxim if the Sx Ctr is sold to Mr Odman. Many Patients will have to travel farther to have their Sx. This would be a hardship on the patients and community.

I oppose the certificate of need

Regards,

Les Hatter
3940 New Samtza Rd
Armer
618-697-0971

I oppose the certificate of
need of exemption that the attorney
is requesting. I think that the care
of patients should be left in the
hands of qualified physicians not
attorneys

Sincerely

John Melvin

16721 Old Clear Springs
Marion, IL 62959

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,

1995 St. Rt 146E
Anna, IL 62906

Franklin Keedy

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,



Catherine Keely
1995 St. Rt 146E
Anna, IL 62906

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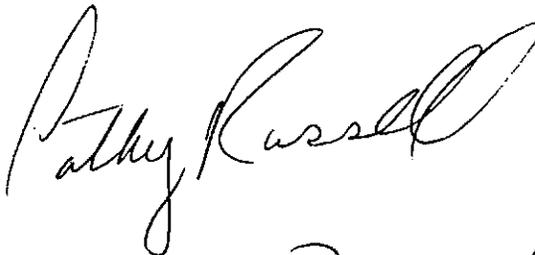
Cheryl Harl

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,


Cathy Russell
1310 S. Maple
Centralia, Del. 42801

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,

Amiri Sangster
510 Fairfax St.
Carlyle IL, 62831

5/17/11

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. Osmon. 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,

Lisa A. Butler
178 West Newell Rd
Murphysboro, IL 62946

5/18/11

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, IL

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 our community will suffer. I oppose this selling of the Surgery Center and ask that you think of the needs of our community.

Thank you,

Jara Mason
404 Fiddlers Ridge Rd
Murphyboro, IL 62964

5/18/11

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 of us patients will have to travel farther to have our surgery. This is a hardship on me as a patient and the community will suffer. Thank You

Reva Newfarmer
94 Lucy Lane
Murphysboro, IL 62966

5/17/11

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, Kim Ruble

1100 N. 114th St
Murphyboro IL 62464

5/18/11

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
if the surgery center is sold to Mr. Osmar.
Many patients will then have to travel
farther to have surgery. This is certainly
a hardship on the patients and the
community will suffer.

I oppose this certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards

Linda McMahon
P.O. Box 297/702 Wills Dr.
Grand Tower, Illinois
62942

Illinois Health Planning Bd.
Springfield, Ill.

To Whom it may concern.

I do not believe this Center should
be owned by a non-physician.

Surgery center should be by a Physician
with medical knowledge & does this in
our area.

I understood Williams was in the
process of purchasing this facility when
an attorney became interested in this
property.

We believe this should stay as ^{is}
in a Physician hands, & in our area
we need it.

Respect
Harold Skuto
25 Kirkaid Hill Ln
Yorkham, Ill 62940

Illinois Health Planning Bd.
Springfield, Ill.

To Whom It Concerns -

I Understand that the Marion Eye
Center will not do surgery in Marion
if the Center is sold to Mr. Deman

We will have to travel further to have
surgery. This is a hardship to us &
everyone involved in this area.

I Oppose this Certificate of Need.

Thank you!

Regards

Shirley Shields
25 Kinkaid Hill Ln
Yorkam, Ill 62940

To whom it may concern, 5-18-2011

I oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for Surgery Center of So Ill located in Marion IL. I do not believe this facility should be owned and operated by a non-physicians. 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. Ahmed was in the process of purchasing this facility when an attorney became interested in this property.

Maryjane Libbert
616 Front St
Grand Tower, IL
62942

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, IL.

Dear Sirs & Madam,

I understand that the surgeons of the
Marion eye center will not do surgery in Marion
if the surgery center is owned by Mr. Osman
Patients may have to travel to Mt. Vernon
Cape for surgery.

I oppose this certificate of need.
Thank you for your attention to this
matter

Maryj O'Neil
1406 Roberta Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966

5/18/11

To whom it may concern:

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

I oppose this certificate of need.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jodi Ridings

2125 Wall St

Murphysboro, IL 62946

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

5/18/11

To whom it may concern

I oppose the certificate of Need Exemption for the surgery center of southern illinois located in marion, IL. I truly 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 also to 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,

Jeanne
Betancourt

403 Murphy St
Murphysboro IL
62966

Ill. Health Facilities Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center

Dear Members of the Board,

It has come to my attention that the surgery center in Maroon, Ill. has filed for a Certificate of Need Exemption.

If this means that the surgeries performed there may not still be offered,

I want a center that is in our own range and not further afield. I

am in need of surgery soon and I want the center to stay where it is. A

non-physician attorney does not seem to be in the best interest of myself and the other patients. I oppose this Certificate of Need. Please allow the facility to stay where it is and operated by medical professionals.

Sincerely

Sherry Myers

P.O. Box 321

Grand Tower, Ill. 62942

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

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center of Southern Ill. located in Marion Ill. 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

Clara M. Nehring
506 Steele Rd
Murphysboro Ill
62966

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.



114 James Place
Murphyboro, IL
62466

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!!!

THANKYOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Heather Wheeler
114 James Place
Murphyboro IL 62964

Ill. Health Planning Board
Springfield, Ill.

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 to the patients and
the community will suffer.

I oppose this Certificate of need.
Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Thomas F. Muff
2801 Old Rivers Rd
Murphysboro, Ill 62944

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 Illinois. 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 we live in assisted living and have no other way of transportation

~~Signature~~
Sincerely
Charles Needham
Jean Needham
28 Old Rivers Rd
Murphyboro IL 62964

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center of Dr. Sh. located in Marion, Ill. I don't 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,

Patricia J. Stanton
607 S. 20th St
Murphysboro, Ill 62444

St. Health Planning Board.
Springfield, Ill.

Re: Whom Ill. 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 ~~are~~ patients will then have to travel farther to have their surgery, This is a hardship on the patients & the Community will suffer.

I (we) oppose this certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards, Patricia A. & Glen O. Bowers

206 East Bower St
Owa, Ill 62907

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, Ill. I do not believe this facility should be owned & operated by a non-physician. This facility has been in existence a very long time and I, as well as many other patients have received wonderful care.

Again I do not believe a non-physician ~~can~~ can give this facility the assistance it needs in serving our community. Many of us are unable to travel to Marion without the help of others. Dr Ahmad & his staff are needed in our community.

Please take my comments into consideration.
Thank you.

Marilyn Zick
1926 West Harrison Rd
Murphy Spaw 414244

May 20-11

To Whom It May Concern

We really need a eye
surgery center in Marion.

I have had surgery 3 times
there and received excellent
care.

Please keep the center
open.

Thank you

Sincerely, Margaret Samo

Murphysboro Ill.
1504 Roberta Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966

Health planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

Dear ladies & Gentlemen:

I feel it would impose a severe hardship on many in our town & surrounding community if the doctors at the Marion Eye Center no longer do surgery @ 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 & hope that you will consider its impact on the patients in this community.

Regards,

Denetta Hickent
347 S 8th St
Murphysboro IL 62449

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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May 23, 2011

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

RE: **LETTERS OF OPPOSITION** - Certificate of Exemption - E-1001-11 -
Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are 25 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

5-20-11

to whom it may concern

I Robert T Grissom believes the eye center
should stay in the hands of Doctors who know
How to operate the Building For the
sake of the Patient.

Respectfully

Robert E. Grissom

203 Matiauw St
Sikeston Mo. 63801

I will like for Marion eye centers
to get the others building as they need it.

Roberta L. Reed
P.O. Box 160
Blodgett Mo 63801

I feel that a Medical Doctor would
run the the health facility better than a
attorney. I myself would not go to this facility
if owned by by an attorney.

Bonnie Pils

5-19-11

47 Crazy horse Lane
Sikeston Mo
63801

DATE: 5-19-11

I oppose the Certificate of Need
exception. Doctors should run
medical facilities and surgeries centers.

Gladys Wescoat
946 County Highway 725
NEW MADRID, MO
63869

to whom this may concern,

I believe this facility should remain as is.
we have great service & we are in no need
for change.

Harold W. Matlack

907 S. PRAIRIE

Sikeston, MO

63801

To whom it may concern,

I believe it is in the communities
best interest for Dr. Ahmad to have
ownership of the Marion Surgery Center.
Why would a lawyer want to go behind
his own clients back and purchase it?
Dreed. I wouldnt want that person owning
a business where I might need surgery.
No telling how much an aspirin would
cost. I hope that your heart will
tell you that Dr. Ahmad is the best
person for this place. His heart is
in it. Or he would have given up
instead of ~~fighting~~ ^{fighting} so hard for his
rights.

Thank You.

Sincerely,
Melissa Rogers, Lpn.

42059 Hickory Lane
Malden, Mo. 63863

may 20, 2011

I oppose the certificate for change of Ownership.
I feel that the Surgery Center will
be better operated by a physician.
A physician who knows the needs of
the patients, someone who will be trusted
by the patients.

Rachel M. Wells

243 State Hwy D
Lilbourn mo.

63862

5-20-11

I Lucille Finley Belean,
Professional Surgeon people
should own and take
care of patients not an
unprofessional person

Lucille Finley

P.O. Box 83
Bertrand, MO
63823

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing this to oppose an attorney purchasing and running the surgery center in Marion Ill. I feel for the patients needs that it is best that physicians ~~and~~ should be in charge. I feel Doctors should take care of medical facilities and lawyers stick to the law.

Shirley Simmers
HC 01 Box 650
ZALMA MO
63787

To whom it may concern.

I oppose the selling of the
Southern Ill. Surgery center to
an attorney. This should be
a medical facility run & owned
by doctors.

Melvin Mangrum

Hc-01 Box 650

Zalma MO 63787

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the Certificate of need or intent for the surgery center in Marion. I feel physician should own and operate surgery center not an attorney.

Shirley Kasserger
HC-01 BOX 480
ZALMA, MO. 63787

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,

Charles L Robinson
HC 3 Box 3115
Greenville MO, 63944

14

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,

Howard Smith
1310 S. Maple
Centralia, Ill. 62801

HOWARD SMITH.

5-18-11

445 Hwy T
Poplar Bluff, MO
63901

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,

Leslie Andrews

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express how strong my feelings are on keeping the Marion Eye Surgery Center in Marion under Dr. Ahmad. I feel as though it should be handled by a Healthcare expert instead of an attorney.

Sincerely,

Jessica
L.
Higgins

Carlyle, IL

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Sincerely,

Donna J. Frauke
Caryle, IL

Dear Sir

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.

Jane Kampwerth

July, 11

Sir:

I would like to express my
concern about the Surg. Center.

I feel that Dr Ahmad need to
run the center not a lawyer.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Richard Phossey
CARLYNG 14

Springfield, Mo.

Springfield Health Planning Board
Springfield, Mo.

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the sale of the
Narrow Edge Center to Mr. Casner.

If this sale goes through it will
cause hardship on the community.

I oppose this certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Edward J. Moxter
18815 Stoddard Rd.
Cairley, Mo. 62231.

To whom it may concern

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feeling are on keeping the marion Eye
Surgery Center in marion under Dr Ahmad.
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Sincerely
Jason
Grueneth

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I oppose this Certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration

Regards,

Karla Kuep

195 n. mine St
Breese il, 62230

5.20.11

SIR,

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. Due to further travel, this will cause a hardship on the community and patients will suffer.

I oppose this certificate of need.

-Chelsie Bardoni
12. n pine St. Breese, IL 62230

To Whom it May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Christopher M. Conliffe

205 N. Main St. Trenton NJ.

To whom it may concern,

I urge you to keep the surgical center open under the care of Dr. Ahmad.

Courtney Huang
890 N Walnut
Breese IL 62230

Dear Sir,

Please keep the surgical center
open to serve patients in this area and
keep the business local to the community.
Keep Dr. Ahmad as the owner.

Dan Rupp
890 South Walnut
Brewer H. 42230

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Sincerely,


Cheryl Harl

Ref: Marion Eye Center

Dear Sirs,

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

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Cripps

585 W. Broughton Rd

Salem, IL 62881

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir,

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

Sincerely,

David A. Huffman

301 W. ROGERS

Salem, IL 62881

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir,

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

Sincerely,

Rebecca Huffhine

301 W. ROGERS

Salem, IL 62881.

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sirs

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

Sincerely,
Paulette C. Jeff
924 W Main
Salem, Ill. 62881

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir,

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

Sincerely,

Richard Jackson

506 S. Linton St
Odi. W. IL. 62870

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir,

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

Sincerely,

Melissa Jackson
506 S Linton St
Odin, IL 62870

To whom it may concern My name is Elizabeth White
I just moved to Puckneyville from the Marion area.
My sister Erica Mitchell works for the office in Marion IL
& ~~the~~ travels to other eye centers. I know that @ K's when
others take over a business they sometimes let employees go &
be it there own. I would hate to see this happen to the
staff in Marion my sister really enjoys working in Marion
@ the eye center there & the staff she works with. So I hope
that it doesn't change now. Marion has alot to offer to the
people & I'm thankful there ~~are~~ ^{is an} eye centers in our town.
I still come to Marion IL ~~for my eye care~~ Dr. Lopez is my
two youngest children Dr. has been for years & I will travel
to keep him as the Dr. & I think that people would do the same
for Dr. Magool Ahmad.

~~Thank you~~

~~Thank you~~

Respectfully

Elizabeth White

502 W. WATER ST
Puckneyville IL
62074

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,

Harold K. Lutho
410 W. 3rd St.
Beckermeyer, Ill. 62219

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Sincerely,

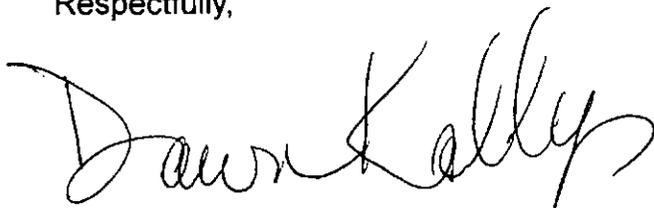
William H. Chen
185 Parkview Dr
Peoria, IL 62293

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn Kelly". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".

Dawn Kelly
512 Briarwood
Centralia, IL 62801

To whom it may concern,

I also believe that Dr Ahmad should be able to purchase the Surgery Center in Marion. Ron Osman has no idea how to handle or run the eye Surgery Center.

Thank you,

Stephanie Fulton

Stephanie Fulton
1708 George Sims
Marion, IL 62959

Charlotte Long
Clara Walker

1125 N Market
Sparta IL 62286

IL health care planning committee
re: Surgery center of ~~SP~~

I oppose the application for the Certificate of need exemption for the surgery center located in Marion, IL.

In my opinion and also the opinion of my mother who is a pt. of Dr. Ahmed, this facility should be owned & operated by a physician.

Dr. Ahmad, NOT Mr. Osman should own this facility.

My mother depends on Dr. Ahmad for her sight.

If she were unable to have access to his offices she would be totally blind. The patients depend

on Dr. Ahmad, NOT Mr. Osman. Please consider

the needs of Dr. Ahmad's pts over the greed of

Mr. Osman. My mother's sight depends on this

Dr. and the God who guides his hands.

Sincerely

Clara Walker

Charlotte Long

504 S. Mayor Colliper Dr.
Cartersville IL 62918
5120 711

To whom it May Concern,

I support Dr. Magbool Ahmad and feel he should
have ownership of this building for the use of the
Main Eye Care patients.

Thanks

Ben Chubb

3/20/11

12097 Stoughton Lane
Carbondale IL 62901

Dear Board Members,
My husband & I have been long-time patients
of doctors with the Marion Eye Center.
We both have required surgeries and on
occasion have had to travel to Mt. Vernon,
IL to receive these services. I cannot
stress enough the importance of a
local surgery center for those of us who
are retired and facing further surgeries.

While I do not know the
complexities of these negotiations, I do
know ^{that} the doctors from whom we've
received treatment are excellent. We
sincerely hope that the Marion Eye Center
can be able to have a surgical
Center in the Carbondale - Marion area.
The population in this area certainly would
support it. We sincerely hope that your
decision is based upon what is best
for the community and not upon the desires
of the entities involved. Sincerely,
Debra E. Cerven

I am all for the Marion Eye Center in Marion, Illinois to stay the eye center and not be turned into a lawyers office. I am sure Illinois needs to keep all the eye centers we got and could use a few more centers like the Marion office.

Maxine Miller

700 S Lewis Lane, Apt 701

Carbondale, IL 62901

To Whom It May Concern

I don't think a lawyer ~~and~~ has any business putting his nose where it doesn't belong & not having medical knowledge confirms this more. Moreover ~~to~~ how far does it think people should travel to get care, certainly not to Mt. Vernon. Please let the medical doctors take care of the Marion Eye Center as they have in the past. We like it very much

Elaine Richelman
patient Adele Volkman

Elaine Richelman

2760 Calvary Cem Rd

Campbell Hill, IL 62916

To whom it may concern,

I am in favor of Dr Ahmad purchasing the Marion Surgery Center in Marion IL. I believe that the people in the surrounding communities should have options as to where and with whom they have their surgeries performed. I feel that a health care provider should be in charge of health care decisions concerning patient care.

Thank you

Carla Whitaker

*Carla Whitaker
107 Watkins Dr.
Jonesboro, IL
62952*

To whom it may concern,

5-20-11

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Phill Mills

217 S Grantcity rd #9

Carbondale IL 62902

May 20 2011

to whom it may concern

it would be a hardship on me and a lot of people if any changes were to be made in our area. The Ahmad is the best and I would like for him to be able to buy the Surgery Center in Weston. I don't want to have to drive to another county. I also believe decisions about health care should be handled by health care officials.

James R. Peckham
John Wickerson
Wm. Lee, III 62866

May 20, 2011

To whom it may concern:

I have been a patient for the last 4 years of the Marion Eye Center. I ~~do~~ agree with Dr. Ahmad in opposing this change of ownership to Ronald Osman. If he receives ownership of the Marion Eye Center in Marion, IL, I believe that it will truly be an ~~extremely~~ devastating blow to our access to quality healthcare in the surrounding communities such as mine, and others like it. I hope the best decision will be made, and that would be to allow Dr. Ahmad to purchase the Marion Eye Center in Marion, IL.

Thank you,
Sabrina Hill

Sabrina Hill
525A E. Sycamore St.
Carbondale, IL 62901

To whom it may concern,

I believe that Dr Ahmad should be able to purchase the Surgery Center in Marion. I feel that it would be good for the people of Southern Illinois to have a place close to home to have their surgery performed. I also believe that decisions about health care should be handled by health care officials.

Virginia Etherton

*Virginia Etherton
900 Villa Court # 220
Carbondale, IL.
62901*

May 20, 2011

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center of So. Illinois in Marion IL.

I believe that Dr. Ahmad would be the best person to obtain ownership of this facility.

He is a very reputable, competent ophthalmologist (M.D.) who would be looking out for the ^{best} interests of the entire community.

Please give him the chance to obtain this facility

Sincerely

Lorraine Hamburg
2227 S. Way Creek Rd
Carbondale IL 62902

I think the Surgery Ctr should be
remaining a surgery Ctr IF Dr. Ahmad
wants to purchase it he should be able
to,

Michael E Clower
171 Everest Rd.
M.boro.

Michael Clower
171 Everest Rd
Murphysboro IL

I think the right thing should be done
Sell this property to Dr. Ahmad, so he
can continue to give excellent care to
people in this area.

Richard Roberts

P.O. Box 382

DeSoto, D. 62924

I am not able to drive
that far to Marion.

I Believe that any facility should
always be run by a practicing
Doctor at all times.

We hold our lives in their
Care.

Kimberly Richards

403.E. Logan St

Nesoto IL 62924

I can't Drive that Far

To whom it may concern,

I am in favor of Dr Ahmad purchasing the Marion Surgery Center in Marion IL. I believe that the people in the surrounding communities should have options as to where and with whom they have their surgeries performed. I feel that a health care provider should be in charge of health care decisions concerning patient care.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John R. Robertson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the main body of text.

John Robertson
1920 LICKCREER Rd
ANNA IL.
62906

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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,

Herbert + Egie Dickens

HC 3 Box 34 20

Wappapello, Mo 63966

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,

Sarah A. Jones
Missis

May 16, 2011

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

To Whom it May Concern;

I hope & pray you will take into consideration the older population of So. Ill. as you make your decision on the ownership of the Surgery Center of So Illinois.

I believe it is in the best interest of the patients for the facility to be owned and operated by the doctors taking care of us - his patients - not an outsider.

We drive 30 miles now, and with Macular Degeneration it would create a hardship on our driver to drive twice that far. Please help Dr. Ahmad purchase this facility.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely

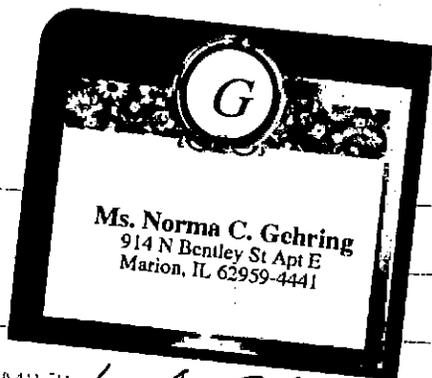
Laurie Lubner

PO Box 435

Cobden, IL 60920

I do not believe Mr. Osman should be able to buy the Marion Surgery Center. I think it would be of the best interests for the people of Marion to have Dr. Ahmed as owner of this Center where he does eye surgery & would be easier access for people than having to travel to another town. Dr. Ahmed has operated on both my eyes & also my mothers eyes. It's easier for Marion Seniors to have Dr Ahmed have surgery Center here.

Sincerely
Norma C. Gehring



NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER

618-998-8943



MARION EYE CENTERS & OPTICAL

Staff

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

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Anna
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1-573-688-5866

Sikeston
1-573-472-8181

Dear Patients,

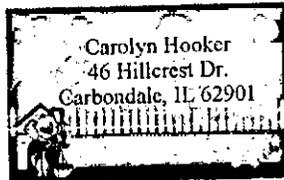
As you may already know, my plans to purchase the Marion surgery center (where we do surgery here in Marion, not the office), were thwarted when a local attorney, Ronald Osman, went around me and negotiated a deal to purchase the very same surgery center I was in the process of buying. However, given 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 and your opinion are of



of Ownership would harm access to healthcare in Marion communities more than it would benefit it, please join me in written comments, typed or handwritten, should be sent to return envelope.

Yours truly,

Dr. Maqbool Ahmad

I support Dr. Ahmad in his pursuit of the purchase of the Marion surgery center.
Carolyn Hooker

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,

Donna Stanbard
Dennis Stanbard
Jura, IL 62839

Watson
1 Watson Ln
Fairfield, IL 62837

Dr. Ahmad:

Thank you for
the heads-up on a
lawyers plan to buy
a surgery center.
Our country is being
systematically destroyed
by self serving attorneys.

Stay alert

Eric J. Manuel

Dr. Ahmad

We do, indeed,
believe that a doctors
practice should be run
by doctors and not
lawyers.

We would not wish
Mr. Isman to own a
surgery center or any
other medical facility

Robert H. Watson
Bernadine Watson

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, *Cherise Blain*
624 Oak St.
Camille 60801

Illinois Health Planning Board

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Thank you,

Nancy Atteberry
400 Pantcreek Lane
Carmi, IL 62821

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, 

Harold Stinson
1501 Lance Dr.
Carmi, IL 62821

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doris Stinson".

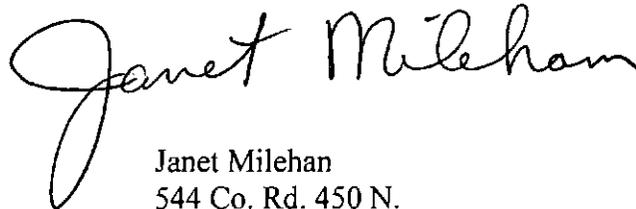
Doris Stinson
1501 Lance
Carmi, IL 62821

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Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Milehan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and address.

Janet Milehan
544 Co. Rd. 450 N.
Norris City, IL 62869

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, *Martha J. Debose*

Martha Debose
1367 Co. Rd. 900 E
Carmi, IL 62821

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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.

William T. Debose

William Debose
1367 Co. Rd. 900 E.
Carmi, IL 62821

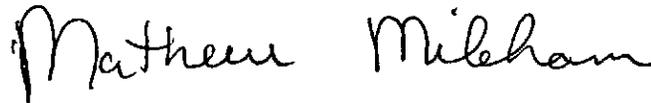
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mathew Mileham". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Mathew Milehan
544 Co. Rd. 450 N.
Norris City, IL 62869

Illinois Health Planning Board

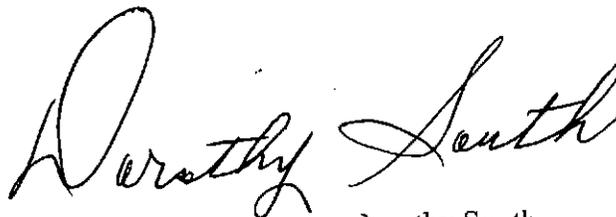
RE: Marion Surgery Center

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy South". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Dorothy South
274 Co. Rd. 2000 N
Enfield, IL 62835

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, *Garrett South*

Garrett South
274 Co. Rd. 2000 N.
Enfield, IL 62835

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,

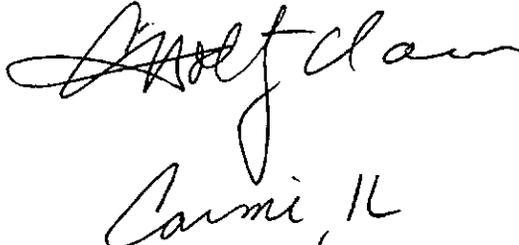
Danell Holly Jacobs
Laurie, IL

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,



Carmi, IL

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanda Turner".

Vanda Turner
500 Co. Rd. 950 N.
Norris City, IL 62869

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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May 23, 2011

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

RE: **LETTERS OF OPPOSITION** - Certificate of Exemption - E-1001-11 -
Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are 25 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

5-16-11
610 Cynthia St
Poplar Bluff MO
63901

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,

Nancy Hopper

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Usrey".

Sharon Usrey
306 N. First St.
Enfield, IL 62835

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,

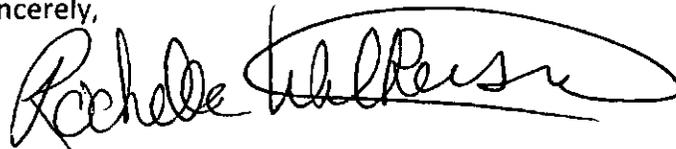
Fletcher R. Usrey

Fletcher R. Usrey
306 N. First St.
Enfield, IL 62835

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rochelle Wilkerson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

R. Wilkerson
102 Ford
New Haven, IL 62867

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.

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Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Respectfully,

Adnan Masoud

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adnan Masoud', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Adnan Masoud
170 Kimber Lane
Evansville, IN 47715

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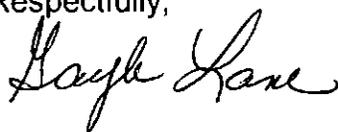

Carol L 62821

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gayle Lane".

Gayle Lane
408 Rice St.
Carmi, IL 62821

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

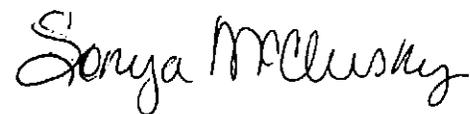
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I oppose this certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sonya McClusky". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Sonya McClusky
645 Davis Avenue
Omaha, IL 62871

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Baugher". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Ashley Baugher
714 Foley Dr.
Carmi, IL 62821

Healthcare Facilities Planning Board

ref: Surgery Center of Southern IL, Marion, IL

Dear Board Members:

If Marion Surgery Center is sold to an attorney it will affect the care. The surgeons should be better people to run it. A surgery center is more than a business.

Yours truly,

Connie Stevers

Connie Stevers
355 Stevers Rd.
Harrisburg, IL 62946

Health Care Planning Board

RE: Marion Surgery Center

To Whom It May Concern:

Marion Eye Center and Marion Surgery Center is a good thing for southern Illinois.

Please don't break this union. Only the patients will suffer.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lilyann Lentz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Respectfully,".

Lilyann Lentz
22160 Oak Hill Rd.
Ewing, IL 62836

IL Healthcare Facilities Planning Committee

REF: MARION SURGERY CENTER, MARION, IL

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am a patient at Marion Eye Center and had my surgery at the Marion Surgery Center. The day I had my surgery all the patients were from Marion Eye Center. If they stop doing surgery at the surgery center, it will be closed.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Lentz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

J. Lentz

22160 Oak Hill Rd.

Ewing, IL 62836

ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

RE: MARION SURGERY CENTER
MARION, ILLINOIS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

IN THE HEARING IT WAS TOLD THAT FOR THE LAST MANY YEARS
DR. AHMAD AND HIS GROUP HAVE DONE 95 PERCENT OF THE
SURGERIES AT THE MARION SURGERY CENTER.

THEY SHOULD BE BETTER PEOPLE TO OPERATE IT.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Lentz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "SINCERELY,".

Emily Lentz
22160 Oak Hill Rd.
Ewing, IL 62836

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.

Thanks for Your Consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Mullins".

Gina Mullins

P.O. Box 445

Crossville, IL 62827

Chris Buchanan
1645 Co. Rd. 1375 N.
Carmi, IL 62821

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,

Chris Buchanan

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,

Mike Mulihan
Carroll, IL

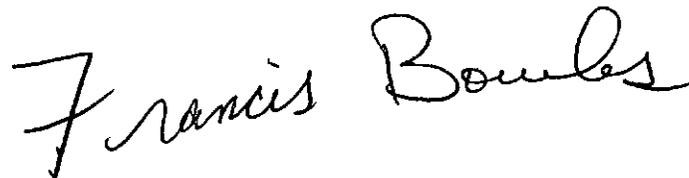
IL Healthcare Planning Board
RE: Marion Surgery Center, Marion IL

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Bowles". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Francis Bowles
P.O. Box 95
New Haven, IL 62867

Amy Buchanan
P.O. Box 115
Carmi, IL 62821

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.

Amy Buchanan

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Members of the Board,

I oppose the application for a certificate of need exemption that was filed by an attorney for the surgery center in Marion, IL

This would harm the community and would lose jobs and is not in the best interest of the patients.

Please consider this when reviewing this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Bramlet". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Linda Bramlet
520 Ellen Dr.
Carmi, IL 62821

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary L. Bramlet". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Gary Bramlet
520 Ellen Dr.
Carmi, IL 62821

Members of the Board:

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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,

Judie Simmons
Carmi, IL

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,

Thanks
Barbara Williams
11185 Hwy AA
Broselow, mo
63932

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
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Sincerely,

Kenneth H. Wilson

Kenneth H. Wilson
1797 Co. Rd. 1790 E.
Crossville, IL 62827

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

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I oppose this certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Louise Wilson".

Anna Louise Wilson
1797 Co. Rd. 1790 E.
Crossville, IL 62827

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,

Mike Mileham
Carroll, IL

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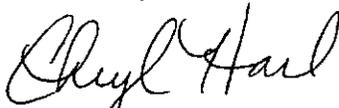
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Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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I hope you take in consideration the older patients in the Marion area when making your final decision. These patients need you more now than before.

Thank you.

James V. Johnson
372. W. VENEY ST.
NASHVILLE IL. 62243

Illinois Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

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I oppose this certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



320 E. ADAMS ST
NASHVILLE TN 62263

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Board Members

After listening to both parties at the Public Meeting on April 5th in Marion, I feel what the Board needs to consider is what is best for the patients and what is best for the City of Marion. Dr Ahmad is considered one of the best Ophthalmologists and to have him practice in Illinois is an asset to our state. He does have the best interests of the patients in mind and has been doing this for over 25 years.

I oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption because I feel this decision is the best for the patients and for the community. Please remember the welfare of the patients when making your decision.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Finke".

SUSAN FINKE

335 W Chester Street

Nashville IL 62263

Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

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Thank you.

Martie Jack
8327 Indian Trail Rd.
Ashley, IL 62808

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

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I oppose this certificate of need.

Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Jami E. Schandl
4601 Bethel Church Rd
Pinckneyville, IL
62274

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
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an attorney

Sincerely

Jeffery Hergenroeder
305 south 7th Street Apt 106
PERCY JLL. 62272

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,

Richard E. Coleman
117 Powers Ave.
Marion, Ill. 62857

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 Linders
105 E Shawneetown
Steleville, IL 62288

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir:

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Sincerely,

*Starr Gardner
526 Outback Ln.
Coulterville, IL,*

62237

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,

Larry A. Coleman

11022 WINTER RD

LENZBURG IL

62255

Members of the Board:

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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,

Ellie Mc Mullin
601 E. Fulton #A
Marion IL

May 17, 2011

Dear Sir:

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

Sincerely

Linda Kay Gerlach
2243 Greka Ln
New Athens, Ill. 62264

To whom it may concern,

The Marion Health Surgery Center is a viable resource to the citizens of southern Illinois. As an employee who works with patients with visual impairment I am fully aware of the importance of this facility. I'm surprised in general it is extremely taxing for the patients to travel long distances after surgeries. It would be wonderful to have such resource locally to reduce the effects of travel on the patients.

5/19/2011

Sincerely,
Leah Will
Cantwell, IL

I think that we should keep local surgery's local and not send them out of our area and it would be more convenient to do things local than have to go out of our area to have the same service done.

Bradley Meyer

216 Van Dyke
Carterville IL 62918

I, Rebecca Reams, residing at
Carterville, I'm stating that I
oppose to the Att. Ronald Osman
not be considered to the process
of buying the ^{(marion) surgery/} center. That
the Marion Surgery center is a
local facility to the local
people throughout the residing
counties, ^{Williamson} ~~Jackson~~.

Sincerely Yours
Rebecca Reams
Marion Eye Center
Carterville

To Whom It May Concern:

I believe it would be in the best interest of the people if you would let Dr. Ahmad purchase the Marion surgery center instead of letting Mr. Osman.

I feel Dr. Ahmad has the best interest of the people and would do a better job,

Sincerely

Charles H. Cagle

Charles H. Cagle

06-19-2011

CS

Sturville, IL

Dear Sir

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

This would harm the community and would lose jobs and is not the best interest of the patients.

Sincerely

Denick Vogel

May 19-2011

P.O. Box 195

Waukegan IL 62997

May 19, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I have learned that an attorney in the Marion Area is trying to purchase the Marion Surgery Center. We do not need ownership decisions being made by someone that does not have healthcare their main focus. The Marion Eye Center doctors do a great job & we need to keep them doing surgery in Marion.

Sincerely,

Louisa Wilson
P.O. Box 187
AVA, IL 62907

5/19/44

To whom it may Concern:

I am opposed to the certificate of need that Mr. Osman is attempting. I feel Dr. Ahmad should be able to purchase the Surgery Center in Marion and continue to perform surgeries there.

Mary Ann Bunselmeyer
403 East Green
Steelville, Mo. 62288

May 19, 2011

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to voice my
concern about Mr. Osman's request
for a Certificate of Need,
The Marion Eye Center is the
best place to go for help with
your eye, and the doctors are so
good. We need more like the one
at Marion Eye Center.

Thank you
Amha Aaron
Amber Aaron
PO Box 313
Percy IL 62272

May 19, 2011

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing Letter to oppose
the certificate of need for the
Surgery Center of Southern ILLinois.
The Marion Eye Center doctors do
a good job and we need to keep
them doing surgery in our town.

Thank you!

Victor Aaron

Victor Aaron

Po Box 313

Percy IL 62272

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

5/19/11

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,

Raymond Hill

806 East Main

Steleville, Ill 62288

May 19, 2011

5-19-11

Re: Whom It May Concern:

Please let Dr. Ahmad by the
surgery center.

I believe the surgery center should
be run by a doctor and not a
lawyer.

Sincerely

Jae Harrett

P.O. Box 395

Permy, IL 62272

Dear Sir,

I oppose the Certificate of attorney.

It should be in the hands of people
as we are the ones that benefit
from this not attorneys

5-19-2011

Celine Paquette
202 W 2nd St
Aurora IL 62907

5/18/11

HCR 2 Box 2105

Van Buren, MO

63965

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,

Melba A Jones

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

May 23, 2011

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

RE: **LETTERS OF OPPOSITION** - Certificate of Exemption - E-1001-11 -
Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are 20 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE PLANNING COMMITTEE

REF: MARION SURGERY CENTER, MARION, IL

Dear Members of the Planning Committee:

Ron Osman is into developing land around Marion. Why is he getting the surgery center business? Please stop him.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan McRay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the address information.

RT 1 Box 202

McLeansboro, FL. 62859

IL State Healthcare Planning Board

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand Marion Eye Center had a contract and Ron Osman with threats of law suits derailed that. Say NO to him.

Sincerely,

Jerisa French

Mendal French

RT 2 Box 330

meheausbow,ef

62859

State of Illinois Healthcare Facilities Planning Board

To Whom It May Concern:

It appears to me that Ron Osman interfered with the purchase of the surgery center by Marion Eye Center and that is why Dr. Ahmad does not trust Ron Osman. If the ownership is given to Osman, patients will be the losers.

Respectfully,

Bruce Dale

R.R. # 5 Box 285

McLeansboro, Ill. 62859

To Whom It May Concern:

REF: Marion Surgery Center of Southern IL

I can understand why Dr. Ahmad and his associates don't want to work with Ron Osman. His application should be dropped.

Thanks,

Carl S. Puck

806 E BROADWAY

MC LEANSBORO, IL 62859

To The Board Members of Healthcare Facilities

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sirs/Madam:

Patient of Marion will say no to Attorney Osman to own Marion Surgery Center. It will not be good for the patients of Marion Eye Center.

Sincerely,

Jan Leek

806 E BROADWAY

Mt Lebanon IL

62859.

To Whom It May Concern:

Ref: Surgery Center of Southern IL, Marion, IL

I read the story in the paper why Ron Osman is not trusted by Marion Eye Center doctors. They are the majority users of the surgery center. I'll ask the Board to see that.

Best Regards,

Stephen MacPhie

206. N WALNUT

McLEANSBORO ILLINOIS, 62859

Members of the IL Healthcare Planning Board

Ref: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

I don't think Oman is qualified to run an eye surgery center. His application should be turned down.

Thanks,

Jessie French
Alfred French

Rt 2 Box 330

McLeansboro, IL

62859

*IL STATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS
FOR HEALTHCARE FACILITIES*

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

To Whom It May Concern:

*Marion Surgery Center's sale to an attorney is not a very good
idea. Why did he interfere with the sale to Marion Eye Center
doctors? It will make it difficult on patients like myself.*

Please help us!

Thank you,

Mary R Craddock

*RR 2 Box 422
Mechanicsville, IL
62859*

State of Illinois Healthcare Facilities Members

Ref: Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

As the largest users of the surgery center,
Marion Eye Center should own and operate the
surgery center, not an attorney.

Regards,

Daryl Moss

*610 E. Broadway St. Apt 1
McLeansboro, IL. 62859*

Ref: Mason Surgery Center

Dear Sir,

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

Sincerely,

Brandon J. Park

509 S. Ave.

Ukr. IL 62849

Ref: Marion Surgery Center.

Dear Sir,

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

Sincerely,

Lera D Partin

509 S. Ave

Jukn, IL. 62849

Ref: Manor Surgery Center

Dear Sir,

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

Sincerely,



315 N Illinois
Salem, IL 62881

Ref: Mason Surgery Center

Dear Sir,

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

The care of the surgery center should be left in the hands of physicians.

Sincerely,

Linda Thompson

P.O. Box 324

Ju KA, IL 62849

Ref: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir,

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

The care of the surgery center should be left in the hands of physicians.

Sincerely,

Paul Wentz

RA2Box 209 AE
Brownstown IL 62418

S-116-11

I am opposing this change of ownership. I 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.

Thank You
Angela Thurman
Charleston Mo

Angela Thurman
3578 S Hwy 105
East Prairie MO
63845

5-19-11

I OPPOSE THE CHANGING OF OWNERSHIP
OF THE SURGERY CENTER. IT IS WITHIN
THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL OF THE
PATIENTS TO KEEP THE SURGERY CENTER
UNDER A DOCTOR'S OWNERSHIP.

Juey Liddle
Juey Liddle
512A. DAVID DRIVE
SIKESTON, MO. 65801

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Dear Sir,

I feel that the need of the Community & surrounding Communities that the buildings in question should be left in the hands of Dr. Ahmad. The Communities need Clinics near by to better serve people and with the Economy the way it is people cannot drive so far away. Mr Osman is not being fair and seems to me is pulling dirty tricks. I do agree that Doctors should control their practice not lawyers. For the fact of I do not believe Lawyers have the patients best care at hand! For the tricks osman has pulled it shows he can not be trusted. Therefore how can we patients trust Mrs Osman? I do not! Patients like my self (Disabled, Low income, & elderly) need Marion Surgery Center left in the hands of Dr Ahmad so our Community can be served by Dr. Ahmad.

RR 1 Box 85
Elm, IL 60833

Christina
Fisher

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 hardship on the patients and the community will suffer.

I oppose this certificate of need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Valerie Meats

Mt Vernon, IL

Health Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I believe it would be a great hardship for anyone in this & surrounding communities if the Marion Center in Mt. Vernon were to leave. I am a Senior citizen and having to go to Marion for extensive treatment that I have been taking would be a great hardship for me.

And so I hope you will consider all the people who come to this eye center & the problems this would cause in any what you decide. I for one deeply respect a lawyer who would buy a medical building of being good in any good for the people and surrounding areas.

Regards

Josephine C. Myers

2325. Walnut

Centralia, IL

62801

May 23, 2011

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Springfield, IL 62761

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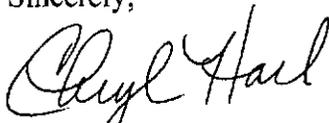
HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

RE: **LETTERS OF OPPOSITION** - Certificate of Exemption – E-1001-11 –
Surgery Center of Southern IL

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are 17 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,



Cheryl Harl

5/18/11

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

Dear Members of the Board,

It has come to my attention that the Surgery center in Marion, Ill 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 the facility.

I oppose this certificate of need.

Please take all into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Stetler
703 S. Jefferson
West Frankfort IL

05/18/2011

IL Healthcare Planning Committee
Re: Surgery Center of Southern IL.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board,

I Paula Smelcer oppose the Application for a Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center located in Marion, IL. It is and will always be in my belief that a Physician is who needs to own, operate, and do Surgeries at any and all medical facilities.

I have personally been a patient of Dr. Ahmad's and am aware he has done his Surgeries at this above mentioned Facility. I also am aware he was in the process of purchasing this said Surgery Center. During the process of Dr. Ahmad trying to purchase his Surgery Center it seems an Attorney namely, Mr. Ron Osman has stepped in behind our Doctor's back and filed for his exemption. I will stand firm on my belief that no Attorney should own a Physicians facility and take away our Health Care Facility for all our Surgery needs on our eyes. It is evident Mr. Ron Osman is not considering the best interest of the Patients to Dr. Ahmad. I pray this matter is ruled in our favor. I appreciate Dr. Ahmad and All his Staff.

Sincerely, Paula Smelcer
11277 Husband Rd.
Marion, IL 62959

5/18/11

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, Illinois. I do not believe this facility should be owned and operated by a non-physician. It is not in the best interest of the patients or the community. A surgery center should be operated by a physician with medical knowledge of surgeries. 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.

Thank You,

Sharon Stitely

703 S. Jefferson
West Frankfort

5/10/11

Ill. Health Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center, Marion, Ill.

I oppose the Certificate of Need exemption.

The facility should not be operated by an attorney,
only a medical professional.

Thank You,

Cheri Westphal

(West Frontport)

5/17/11

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 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,

Ron Mc Clever
(West Frankfort)

5/17/11

Illinois Health Facilities
Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center of So. Illinois

Dear Members of the Board,

It has come to my attention that the surgery center in Marion, Ill 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,

Ruth Ann McClimen (West Frankfort) 2353 ANTIOCH Rd.

5-19-11

To Whom it may Concern,

I do oppose that Dr. Ahmad shouldn't have to work under Mr. Osman.

Dr. Ahmad has been here for quite some time & patients need him in Marion, IL.

Doctors should be in controlled & not lawyers. I do hope & pray that Dr. Ahmad does not lose ownership.

Sincerely,

Constance Courvey.
502 E ST LOUIS
WF IL 62896

3-18-11

ILL. 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. IT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF PATIENTS & THE COMMUNITY. A SURGERY CENTER SHOULD NOT BE OWNED BY AN ATTORNEY. IT SHOULD BE BY A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN REVIEWING THIS CERTIFICATE OF NEED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

Sarah Walbroy
1107 S Wilson
Benton, IL 62812

5/18/11

El. Health Planning Board:

I am opposing the certificate of need exemption for the Surgery Center in Marion. This would not benefit the patients who need it. This facility should be handled by medical professionals, not an attorney.

I hope Patients best interest are the priority here not financial gain.

Thank you.

Hank Vallery
1107 S Wilson
Benton, IL 62812

5/18/11

IL. Healthcare Planning Committee.

I am opposed to the application of need Exemption for the Surgery Center located In Marion IL. I think its best interest for patients and their familys to have it owned by a medical professional. Someone who understands the needs of the patients. Greed by an attorney does not give patients the care needed, or comfort they deserve. Please consider patients feelings in this matter.

Thank you.

Cheryl Vallery
1107 S Wilson
Benton, IL 62812

II Health Planning Board

RE: Surgery Center, Marion, II

To whom it may concern

I am opposing the certificate of need exemption for the above mentioned surgery center in Marion II.

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.

Josh Reed
413 N 134th
Herrin, II
62948

William Keady

I would feel safer knowing any decisions regarding the necessity of eye surgery be made by my doctor on the basis of what is in my best interest and not on the profit margin made by an attorney.

PO Box 306

Ridgway IL 62779

5-19-11

Ref: Marion Eye 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 ~~and~~ not an attorney.

Sincerely,

Desiree Pin
104 E. Walnut St
Minisburg IA
62946

We support Mr. Ahmad.

Bonita G. Quirk

James A. Quirk

2025 State St

Gilroy CA 95020

I AM ALL FOR THIS ITS GOOD FOR SOIL

T.J MAYBERRY 975 COOK ROAD EL DORADO IL

Dear son:

I believe the surgery center
should be left in the hands
of a Physician, not a
attorney.

Betty C Stout
* Clifford Smith
1690 Dewey St
Eldorado IL 62930

5-18-11
3226 Skyland Dr
Poplar Bluff, MO
63901

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,

Edna Wyatt