



# MARION EYE CENTERS & OPTICAL

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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

RE: LETTERS OF OPPOSITION – Certificate of Exemption E-001-11  
Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are 19 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,

  
Scherrie Eastwood

To Whom it May Concern,

PLEASE let DR Ahmad own the  
Makim Surgery Center. He is the most  
Competent DR for it.

Thank you

Ms Yolanda Wexler  
1110 Murray St  
El Dorado 9 62530

5-18-11

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to oppose the application for a Certificate of Need exemption that was filed by an attorney for the Surgery Center in Marion, IL. I believe this would harm ~~not only~~ <sup>RSC</sup> the the Community! Most people like security when it comes to doctors & surgeons. Please think of the patients this will impact. Also, people will lose jobs and in the way the economy is right now jobs are hard to come by. Please consider this when you are reviewing this application.

Sincerely,  
Robin Collins

Robin Collins  
1012 Leroy St.  
Fairfield, IL  
62837

To Whom it may Concern,  
We would like to see Dr. Ahmad stay  
in Marion as we are older people and  
it is better for us.

Thank you  
Billy and Jenny Briddick  
2603 Upchurch St.  
Colorado, Il. 63930

I Support the Marion  
Eye Center.

Jue Stobek  
1212 S. Johnson  
Harrisburg, Pa.  
62946

Ref: Marion Eye Center

Dear Sir,

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

Sincerely,

S. Daniel Schumpert

S. Daniel Schumpert

521 Lynwood

Salem, IL 62881

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,  
Christy D. Yee  
PO BOX 605  
Salem IL 627881

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,

Shelly J. Johnson



2604 S. Washington St.  
Salem IL 62881

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,

Donna M Bailey  
2593 Tonti Rd.  
Salem, IL 62881

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter in regards of the certificate of needs for the Marion Surgery Center. I oppose this and hope you do not grant the request.

I feel the Marion Eye Center surgeons should continue their wonderful services in the Marion area.

Sincerely

Tommy Kuznetz  
304 W. Second St

Albin Ia 6286

Dear Sirs

5-18-11

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

The Core of this surgery center  
should be left in the hands of  
the doctors and not attorneys.

The physicians or should be able  
to say what the pt. need more than  
the attorney or Ins. Companies

Debbie Vangelis  
Rt 1 Box 115B  
Yelp D 62842

To Whom This May Concern:

I am in oppose of the Certificate in  
need that Mr Osman is requesting. I  
feel the surgery center should be run  
by medical doctors and not an attorney.

May June  
1228 Illinois Ave #A  
Fairfield IL 62837

Marion Surgery Center

The Center should be left in hand of  
Physicians and not an attorney. I oppose  
Need exemption this attorney is requesting.

April Bauer

P.O. Box 154 Sims  
IL 62886

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption for the Surgery Center in Marion, IL. I have been a Marion Eye Center patient for the past 5 years and have received exceptional service during this time. When hearing of this matter, I pull back Dr. Ahmad and his dedicated Faculty. I don't think an attorney is capable of running a Surgery Center to its fullest potential or quality that patients deserve and expect. For the sake of loyal patients, I feel having the Facility owned and operated by a medical professional would be in the best interest. I hope you take this into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,  
Rechelle Gillard  
R.R.1 Box 55,  
Mount. Erie, IL 62446

Dear Members of the Board,  
I oppose this application;  
filed by an attorney  
in Marion, Ill.  
It is not in the best  
interest of patients or the  
community.

Please consider this  
when reviewing this  
application

Thank you for your time,  
Sincerely

Rosa Joan Simmons  
R. R. #1 Box 24  
Mt. Erie Id 62446

Dear Board Members,

I am writing you today to oppose the purchase of the Marion Surgery Center by Mr. Osman.

If the surgeons are not able to perform, from Marion Eye Center, it would be devastating to our community.

It is my understanding that this will happen if Mr. Osman is allowed to purchase the Surgery Center.

Please don't let this happen.

Thank you  
Ruber Richetts  
PO Box 281  
Fairfield IL 62837

Dr. Magbool Al-mad is a real fine Doctor  
and it is very easy to find the Marion Eye Care  
helping people is better than someone having  
money. I think Marion Eye care is at the right  
spot and they are great for the Community.

Teresa Hill  
802 S 1st.  
Fairfield, Ill.  
62957

5-21-11

I think the surgery center in Marion is a very convenient place for the surrounding areas. The surgery center is needed in Marion so people don't have to go farther for the surgery they need. I am opposed to the purchase center by an attorney. I feel like it should be left in the hands of the physicians.

Laurie Wright  
Laurie Wright  
803 N. Hickory St.  
Dexter, Mo. 63841

5-20-11

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sir:

I believe the management of this surgery center should be left in the hands of physicians.

Management and ownership by physicians is more likely to ensure quality healthcare to the community.

Sincerely,

*Jim Lovett*

Jim Lovett

1747 Scott Co. Road 363

Charleston Mo 63834

**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,**

*Crystal Downen  
RRT, BOB ?  
Ams 12 6886*



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Sincerely,



Scherrie Eastwood

5-24-11

I think the Center should be left  
in the hands of Doctor instead of a  
lawyer - it would impose a hardship  
on the people who would have to  
drive so far to get their eye care.  
Let doctors be doctors - Lawyers be lawyers!

Patricia Lawton  
504 N. Marion  
Maden, MO 63863

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

We believe the surgery center located  
in Marion, Illinois should belong  
to a physician not a lawyer.

Sincerely

Mr. & Mrs. K. Devon Lewis  
1801 Sunset Drive  
Doplar Bluff MO  
65609

To whom it May Concern

I do not a eye Surgery Clinic should be  
own by a lawyer, it should be run by  
all Drs. it should be Medical run at  
all times

Mary Sells Box 462 Wyatt Mo

Phone 675-3617

Dear Members of the Board.

We oppose the application for a certificate of need exemption that was filed by an attorney for the Surgery center in Marion, Ill.

This would not only mean loss of jobs in the community but would also inconvenience a lot of the patients that use the facilities there. To some of the elderly patients that are unable to travel it could mean they were unable to get to another ~~to get to another~~ doctor.

Please take the time to review the application and consider what it means to the patients.

Sincerely,

Harold & Georgia Vinson  
1011 W. Main  
Vernon, Ill  
62991

5-24-11

To whom it may concern,

I don't support the change in  
ownership. I don't want this eye center  
to change.

Sincerely  
Sharon Jensen

1518 CO Rd 617  
Bernie, MO.  
63822

IL Health Planning Board

Re: Surgery Center, Marion IL

To Whom It May Concern,

I don't think a surgery center should not  
be owned and operated by an attorney.  
It should be owned & run by medical  
professional instead.

Dois D Morrow  
8011 St. Hwy W  
Scott City MO  
63780

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Illinois Health Fee Planning Board  
Re: Su Center

To whom it may concern  
I oppose the ~~cost~~ <sup>cost of need</sup> ~~extension~~  
for Su Center of ~~So~~ ~~Ill~~

Paula Long  
201 Morgan  
Charleston, MO  
63834

IL HEALTH PLANNING BOARD  
RE: SURGERY CENTER MARION, IL.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I OPPOSE A LAWYER OWING THE ABOVE  
MENTIONED SURGERY CENTER IN MARION, IL.  
THEY HAVE MADE A MESS OF OUR  
LEGAL SYSTEM. KEEP THEM OUT OF  
MEDICINE.

THANK YOU

S. S. MUMFORD

926 N. Middle St.

Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Dear members of the Board,

I oppose the change of ownership as well! Surgery  
offices should be run by doctors and NOT lawyers.  
I feel that it will cause harm to the patients  
and the community if the change is made. Please  
do what is right for the patients!

Sincerely,

Norothy Prince

531 South Pacific

Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Please keep this eye doctor  
here in Cape County. We need him  
and trust him.

Scott City  
patient

Mary Simms

Dr Ahmad did my surgery and  
did an excellent job. A doctor should  
run a surgery center and a lawyer  
should run a lawyers office

Shirley B. Kidd  
Advance NO 63730

I support Dr Ahmad in purchasing  
the surgery centers. Lawyers should  
not make medical decisions. They  
will not have the pt best interest in  
mind.

Johnnie F Jackson  
PO Box 366  
Tanner, Ill. 62988

I agree with Dr. Ahmad, I have had eye surgery previously through Marick eye center and it was convenient as well as affordable, I also loved the experience received from the Surgery center.

Fahsha Seem

Erica Jones  
1709 Smith Building  
Cairo IL 62914

I support DR Ahmad in buying  
the surgery center.

J. W. & Louise Rencher

906 S. Pacific St.

Cape Girardeau, Mo.

63703  
Tel. 573 334-6848

I support Mr. Osman in buying  
the surgery center in Marion, Ill.

Bessie Price  
153 S Shawnee  
Jackson, MO.  
63785

Letty Burrows P.O.A.  
Hc 62 box 1-B  
Sedgewickville, MO,  
63781

I am in agreement. People need services that doesn't cause a difficulty in getting or so far away that it makes it a hardship to them. The center in Marion provides services to a lot of people. Also doctors should run and control it. They are the ones who know what needs to be done. Conviction of the community not lawyers.

Sianna Held  
35347 Grapevine Rd.  
McClure, IL 62957

5-25-11

There is no reason for a lawyer to have an eye care center. I wouldn't want him to do surgery on me or be in charge of it to say what I need.

People in Marion should have good dependable service

Georgia Latta

Rt 3 Box 3489

Marble Hill, MO

63764

To whom it may concern,  
Marion Eye Center needs to be  
run by Dr.'s. NOT Lawyers.

Thank you,  
Zaltec Zingfield  
Burton rd 63730.

05/25/11

I support my Doctor, Dr. Asman,  
in any attempt to medically  
support the medical field in  
Marion. I believe he is an  
excellent Doctor and he as proved  
this to me ... he has done  
surgery on my eyes. Therefore,  
I trust him, with his skills,  
to do right by my sight.

Respectfully,  
Bernie Brown

Dr Ahmad should be able to keep the surgery center. Attorneys should  
not be involved in medical care.

Robyn Williams

1185 Hwy AA

Brosley, Mo

63532



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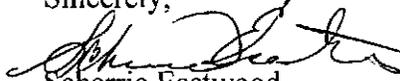
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Scherrie Eastwood

To: Illinois Health Planning Board

RE: Marion Surgery Center

Distinguished Members of the Board:

Why does a lawyer need a Certificate of Need?  
Dr. Ahmed has been practicing and doing Surgery  
at the Marion Surgery Center for years and  
he needs to continue that practice. He has  
served both me & my family for many, many,  
years. We need the Surgery Center & Dr. Ahmed  
running & owning it.

Please Do Not grant Mr. Osman his  
Certificate of Need.

Thank You

Gerald & Charlene Butcher

5576 State Rte 154

Pineknayville, IL 62274

Loyal Clients of Marion Eye Centers

Illinois Health Facilities Planning  
Board

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the Certificate of Need  
Exemption submitted by the Surgery  
Center.

Thank You.

Harold Brannmeier  
13681 Oakdale Blockhof

Oakdale,  
Ill. 62268

**Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board**

**RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**It has come to my attention that an attorney, Mr. Osman, is attempting to purchase the Marion Surgery Center in Marion IL. The Surgery Center has filed a Certificate of Need Exemption for Mr. Osman to do this. It is my opinion that a surgery center should be run by medical professionals and not by a lawyer. I am writing to oppose the Certificate of Need Exemption.**

**I hope you take in consideration the older patients in the Marion area when making your final decision. Please consider what impact your decision will have to the city of Marion.**

**Thank you.**



**OJ FINKE**

**335 W CHESTER STREET**

**NASHVILLE IL 62263**

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am opposed to the Certificate  
of Need Exemption.

Brian C. Felt

PO Box 93

Ashley IL 62808

To Whom It May Concern

I am against the Certificate  
of Need Exemption filed by  
the Marion Surgery Center

Guadalupe Barboza  
347 East Alton  
Nashville TN 62263

Illinois Health Facilities Planning  
Board

RE: Southern Illinois Surgery Center

Board members

I oppose the Certificate of Need  
Exemption filed by the Surgery  
Center. I feel the care of the  
people in the Marion area as well  
as the City of Marion will be hurt  
if this exemption is approved.

Thank You.

Donald Hoppe

DONALD HOPPE

24 MAY 2011

347 East Alton  
Nashville TN 62263

I.L. Health Planning Board

5/24/11

Re: Marion Surgery Center

Dear Sirs,

I was very happy to hear that the Marion Eye Center was expanding their retinal 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 be be convenient for them. If the surgery center is bought by an attorney that the surgeons don't feel comfortable working with, we may not get these vitally needed services. I therefore oppose the certificate they are asking for.

Thank-you,

Martie Jack  
8327 Indian Trail Rd.  
Ashby, I.L. 62808

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,

*Sam D. Gault*

*8327 Indian Trail Rd.*

*Ashby, Ill. 62808*

5-24-11

I prefer Dr. Ahmad have  
the Marion Sx Center.

Jimmy L. Conley  
183 Rhinestone Ln.  
Poplar Bluff, mo, 63901

5-24-11

I support Dr AHMAD

in Buying the Surgery in Marion Ill

Dorothy E Moore

740 Dewey St

Paper Bluff, mo 63901

5-24-11

We have both used Dr. Ahmad and have had service in Marion, Ill. Eye Clinic.

We feel it is vital for this clinic to be sold to Dr. Ahmad. It will insure good eye care for the people there and in the surrounding area.

Dolores Gayle  
W E Gayle

1216 oak crest  
Lane

Dexter, MO.

63841

5-24-11

We need Dr. Ahmad to stay in Marion.  
Simply because he is the best in this area.

Bonnie Sills

113 Watson Dr.  
Maiden, MO.  
63863

5-24-11

As a loyal patient I trust  
Dr. Ahmed. I admire his work  
and hope to continue on being his  
patient here and wherever he works.

Linda Coleman.

202 E Iron Bank Rd  
Charleston, MO.  
63834

5-24-11

-We need the hospital, as so many  
of us would have to drive farther.

Beth Wastes  
RRT BOX 134  
Palliser - 573-856-4578

5-24-11

To Whom it may concern,

It is my hope that I will be able to continue seeing Dr. Ahmad + Dr. Oak at the Mason eye center. If this situation can not be worked out it seems that I will be forced to travel an even greater distance for the care I need for my eyes. Please help keep things the way they are.

Sincerely,

James Wade

14389C2162  
Dexter, MO.  
63841

05-23-2011

I oppose Mr. Osman being allowed to  
Purchase Marion Surgery Center.

I believe Dr. Ahmad should purchase the  
Center, due to he would have patients  
Best interest. It would make a hardship  
for many in the community if Mr. Osman  
were allowed to purchase it. If Mr. Osman  
is allowed to purchase this center I will make  
sure my family will not use that facility.

Della Curd  
PO Box 751  
Bloomfield MO.  
63825

5-24-11

I am well satisfied with my car. I  
would prefer to keep this facility with  
D.A. dynam.

Gene Woodruff

14198 New Quest Lane  
Dexter, Mo. 63841

5-24-11

I want Dr. Ahmad to  
have the Marion SX  
Center.

May Brown

713 W. Janetta St.

Dexter, MO.

638411

I think Dr. Arnold should  
have his way on purchasing this  
Surgery Center in Marion as he is the  
Dr. who needs the center for his patients  
Not a lawyer

756 CR 608  
Doplar Bluff, MO.  
63901

Patricia & Rube  
Robert J. Rube  
5-24-11



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RE: LETTERS OF OPPOSITION – Certificate of Exemption E-001-11  
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To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

  
Scherrie Eastwood

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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

May 22, 2011

I support Dr. Ahmad in his  
effort to purchase the building of the  
Surgery Center.

Mrs. Betty Britt  
302 Boat Dock Rd.  
Potosi, Ill. 62875

May 22, 2011

Attention to those concerning:

al support Dr. Ahmad in keeping  
The Maroon Eye Clinic and purchase of  
in operation and the jobs it provides.

Cathy Britt  
1224 Britt Rd,  
Patsoka, Ill. 62875

To whom it may concern -

This is my written attestation that I support

Dr. Ahmad in the purchase of Centralia's Marion

Eye Center so that it may continue as a surgery

Center & service to our area.

Arita D Franklin

309 St. Joseph

Palmer, Ill.

62875

May 22, 2011

I support Dr. Ahmad's purchase of the  
eye surgery center in Marion, Ia.

Linda L. Johnson  
Vernon, Ia.

May 22, 2011

I support Dr. Ahmad's purchase of  
the eye surgical center in Marion.

Lynda R. Adams  
Patoka, Ill.

I support Dr. Ahmed's purchase of  
Marion Surgery Center.

Sharon Butt  
Pataba, MD

I am in favor of having Dr. Ahmad  
purchase the Surgery Center in Marion

Warren R. Adams  
Tataba

I am in favor of having Dr. Ahmad  
buy the Surgery Center in Marion.

Jane Adams  
Pateba, *el*

Kathryn Harris  
25 S. Linden St

Blue Quoin, Ill. 62832

May 16 - 2011

Dear Sir:

I oppose the Certificate <sup>of need</sup> exemption  
that this attorney is requesting.

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

Sincerely  
Kathryn Harris

March 22, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

Dr. Ahmad owning the SCA/Southern Illinois Surgery Center would defiantly be in the best interest of the people of Southern Illinois. To often lawyers buy up properties just to benefit their own pocket, but Dr. Ahmad owning the property will not only help the people of Southern Illinois it will help surrounding communities that are in need of the best possible eye care. Otherwise patients who seek eye care on a monthly basis will be traveling miles that they cannot afford to travel and will hinder their eye treatment. Some may even give up all to together. So it is my hopes that the right man be allowed to purchase the surgery center, Dr. Maqbool Ahmad M.D.

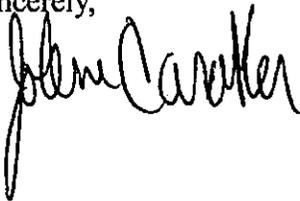
Sincerely,  
Sheri Grob

3/24/11

To Whom It May Concern,

I believe that Dr. Ahmad should be the one to purchase the Southern Illinois Surgery Center for the following reasons. Dr. Ahmad is a very kind and caring man. I believe he needs this surgery center to care for his patients needs in this area. If he is unable to purchase this center a lot of people in Southern Illinois will not be able to get the care they need and will force them to travel further distances to get the help they need. There are very few places for people to go to who have retinal issues and this would helpful to the community and cut down on traveling issues for people who may not be able to afford to go out of town. I feel if Dr. Ahmad could have this place to perform surgeries it would create more jobs and also increase revenue for our community. Please take this into consideration when deciding who should purchase this surgery center and think of the people in the community that will benefit from the care they could receive without traveling else where for their services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Caraker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Malikah Abdul-Musawwir  
2613 W. Kent Dr.  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
618-203-2389

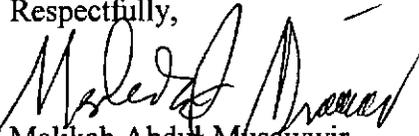
April 2, 2011

Marion Surgery Center  
PO Box 1178  
Marion, IL 62959-9938

Dear Board:

I am greatly concerned that Marion Surgery Center will be run and operated by an attorney. He should not interfere with the medical profession. Health care facility should be operated by medical professionals. I hope the board will be listening to us, please.

Respectfully,



Malikah Abdul-Musawwir

Sylvia Frazier  
1181 S. Glenbeth  
Carbondale IL 62901  
618-201-1057

April 4, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I truly believe that it is a bad idea that a medical facility is owned and operated by an attorney, especially a malpractice attorney. Marion Surgery Center has primarily used this facility for last 20 years and has helped thousands of people. Why change?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sylvia Frazier', written in black ink.

Sylvia Frazier

DeSande R  
513 W. Oak  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
618-521-0284

March 31, 2011

Marion Surgery Center  
PO Box 1178  
Marion, IL 62959-9938

Dear Board:

It has been brought to my attention the Marion Surgery Center is being sold. The building might be sold to an attorney? Why would an attorney want to buy an eye center? Or, will the eye center be relocated? No matter what, it will be a problem for me, because I would feel safer if my doctor was there, and the Marion Surgery Center continues to be run by eye doctors. I would also be hurt if it is closed down, or move to another location. This would be hard on me if I have to travel to some other distance location outside of Marion. I am praying you will be able to secure this building, because it will affect us more than you know.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'DeSande R', written in black ink.

DeSande R

Mekka Abdul-Musawwir  
2613 W. Kent Dr.  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
618-203-1114

April 2, 2011

Marion Surgery Center  
PO Box 1178  
Marion, IL 62959-9938

Dear Board:

There is sad news about the Marion Surgery Center (MSC) is being purchased by an attorney. My parents seem to be upset about this news. They feel it is better for you to transfer the ownership to medical professionals. I understand what my parents mean, and it does not make sense for someone to not allow a medical doctor to own and run a place that has been there so many years. I want to say more but there is nothing else I can say. I hope everything works out for us all. Thanks for taking care of our eyes.

Respectfully,

Mekka Abdul-Musawwir

*Mekka Abdul Musawwir*

Edmond Robinson  
1151 S. Glenbeth  
Carbondale IL 62901  
618-521-3623

April 4, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the Marion Surgery Center in Marion, Illinois and Dr. Maqbool Ahmad request to purchase this building. I support the Marion Surgery Center being under the supervision of Dr. Ahmad, and not an attorney who is not a professional eye surgeon who wants to undermine the convenience we are fortunate to have. The attorney is not working in the best interest of southern Illinois communities if he/she denies the stability of Marion Surgery Center service through Dr. Ahmad's physician group. I have had wonderful experiences with the Marion Surgery Center and would feel it's lost if the Board allows non-medical entity to take over this facility.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edmond Robinson" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Edmond Robinson

Helen Meeks  
2613 W. Kent Dr.  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
618-457-1972

March 31, 2011

Marion Surgery Center  
PO Box 1178  
Marion, IL 62959-9938

Dear Board:

I was talking with Najjar and found out about your facility in Marion is up for sale. I am aware that some attorney is trying to buy the building you been using for over 25 years. I have used Marion Eye Center and would like to be able to travel close to receive any service in the future. The Marion Surgery Center, I understand has been a good part of Marion, and the surround communities.

An attorney can open an office almost anywhere, but an eye surgery cannot just open a business anywhere. The building is already set-up to help anyone with eye problems; therefore, preparing another building will interfere with eye care service. To quote Najjar, why would an attorney buy an eye center? I would also be hurt if it closed down, or move to another location. Also, one of my wife works for your office and this might affect her too? My prayers go out to you and us who you serve.

Sincerely



Helen Meeks

Khaleelah Muta-Ali  
2613 W. Kent Dr.  
Carbondale IL 62901  
618-203-2825

April 4, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being sent in support of the Marion Eye Center in Marion Illinois and Dr Ahmed Maqbool. The Marion Eye Center is a Marion Illinois institution and should remain as such. As creatures of habit, it is understandable that we resist change especially if the change will cause undue stress and or comfort. If the Marion Surgery Center was taken over by an attorney, this will truly cause a disruption in care of patients. This location is widely used by the tri-state area and the various rural communities. I would respectfully ask that the Marion Surgery Center be operated by medical professionals to continue its long standing service to southern Illinoisans.

Respectfully,

  
Khaleelah Muta'Ali



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Illinois University  
**Carbondale**

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1100 S Normal Avenue  
Carbondale, Illinois 62901  
Phone: (+001) 618 453-4315

March 31, 2011

Marion Surgery Center  
PO Box 1178  
Marion, IL 62959-9938

To Whom It May Rightfully Concern:

With due respect and consideration, I am submitting this letter of concern after discovering that the Marion Surgery Center is being considered to be purchased by an attorney at the Marion, Illinois, location. This is disturbing and disappointing. This attorney is seeking to purchase this facility to provide what service? Why is an Attorney in the health care? I would caution against the idea of ***NOT having a medical physician operating this facility***. If this Attorney is considering changing it to office space for legal practice, then it would be a sad commentary to see this medical facility closed for the of patients. The Marion Surgery Center is more than another business in our community, it is a well-established institution, which provides a unique service to us in the local region.

My family and I have been greatly fortunate to utilize Dr. Ahmad and the team of wonderful physicians for the past 19 years. It is extremely difficult to find any service institution that meets ones needs: high quality of expertise of my physician, excellent relations with staffing, and very assessable to eye care surgery. By profession I am an educator and visual artist, and my eyes are a critical part of my profession. Due to poor health issues, my blood vessels in my eyes were

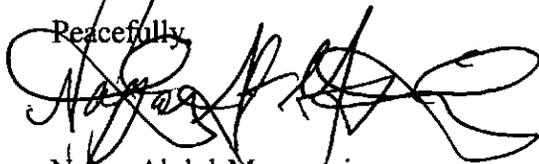
damage and I had to have this care. But, if the Marion Surgery Center was not nearby, my wife or someone else would have the burden of taking me to St. Louis for this care.

My family appeals to the board to understand how important this is to us and our community. Not only we will be losing a valuable service, but we will be cruelly subject to paying for the inflating gas cost if we are forced to drive to St. Louis, MO for this important care.

We are proud of Dr. Ahmad's willingness to continue this service in the Marion, Illinois, location. The physicians there give much to this community that extends beyond service. In a time where everyone seems to be cutting back, he is maintaining assessable surgeons and health care for many who are in need of this facility. Please, consider seriously the many needs for having Marion Surgery Center here: support the elderly, assessable to low-income patients (even the middle-income in these hard economic times), and the strong relation between surgeons and patient in this region.

My family and even our friends, pray you will be approving Dr. Ahmad's wonderful written gesture to continue providing this important health care service in Marion, Illinois in the future.

Peacefully,



Najjar Abdul-Musawwir  
Associate Professor of Fine Arts  
Head of Undergraduate Studies  
Southern Illinois University  
School of Art and Design  
Carbondale, IL 62901-4301  
(618) 453-3019 Office  
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(618) 924-3810 Cell

**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 black ink, appearing to be "Dr. [unclear]". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial letter.



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Attached are 20 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,

  
Scherrie Eastwood

To whom it may concern,

I think Dr Ahmad should own  
the Surgery Center for the benefit  
of the people of IL, MO, IN + KY

Thank you

J P Worland Jr.

1110 Murray St

Eldersville IL 62930

To whom it may concern.

I feel that The Marion Surgery Center should remain in the hands of a competent eye surgeon and not some lawyer. Having a nearby and well staffed eye surgery center in our area should be of the greatest importance to everyone in Southern Illinois.

Alyn Briddick  
2304 Old Broughton Rd.  
Eldorado, IL

5-13-11

Ahmed

Saline Care Center would like for Dr. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
to buy the Marion Surgery Center due to  
it is too far for our residents to travel to  
Mt Veron.

Velva J. Messamore

Larry Bochanters

Melvin Ponton

Wilma Gibbs

Mary Gresham

Carl Edwards

James O'Brien

Thank you,

Saline Care Center

Illinois Health Planning Board:

I am in opposition of the attorney  
Mr. Osman purchasing the Marion  
Eye Center. This facility should be  
run the surgeons from the Marion  
Eye Center, as they have provided  
years of good services already.

Alan L. Bellard

Rt. 1, Box 55

Mar. Eye H 62446

Dear Sirs,

I whole heartedly oppose  
the Certificate of Need for the  
Marion Surgery Center -

I do not feel as if an attorney  
should be involved in healthcare  
in any way.

Thank you

Julie Sarrett  
202 Clarence  
Fairfield St  
62037

To Whom it May Concerns.

Please note my opposition to the Certificate  
of Need For the Purchase of the Marion Surgery  
Center by the Attorney Mr. Osman.

Please Keep <sup>EYE</sup> Surgery's in Southern ILLinois

Thank you

Amanda Vaughan  
#7 Hill Drive  
Seymour IL 62957

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing to oppose the Certificate  
of need Exemption for the Surgery  
Center in the Marin area.

I feel this facility should  
be run by healthcare providers and  
not attorneys.

Dustin Lee

CRP

Mt Erie St 62446

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,

Lisa M Bruce

412 S. Main

West Salem IL 62476

**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,**

*Kristen Drake*  
RP#3 Box 24A  
Cisne IL 62823

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Springfield, Illinois

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Regards,

Kenny Drake  
RR#3 Box 24A  
Cisno IL 62823

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,

*Crystal F. Attebury*  
116 North St.  
Fairfield, IL 62837

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.

*Joey Inouall*  
*249 W. Jefferson St*  
*Jeff, Ill. 62842*

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,

*Janet Payne*  
*1317 E. LaFayette*  
*Geff, IL 62842*

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Please consider this when reviewing this application.

Thank you,

Cassandra Medler  
8 Neal St  
Fairfield, IL 62837

Marion Surgey Center

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been recently made aware of a situation that has arisen in Marion concerning the sale of Marion Surgery Center. As the facts appear to me a local attorney is using privileged information from a former client to seek profit for himself.

I am not aware of all the facts, but the state board of health needs to be aware of this current situation. If the health care facilities in Marion will be affected by their move, someone needs to review this case.

I would also urge the board to contact the Illinois Lawyers' Board of Ethics in this matter.

Someone with questionable ethics does not need to own a health care facility where people trust that the quality of health care comes before monetary gain.



Charles Moxley

578 N 217<sup>th</sup> Road

Charleston MO 63834

I don't see any need for a  
lawyer to buy a surgery center.  
Dr. Ahmad and his partners provide  
great care to the community and  
should continue in Marion so patients  
don't have to drive so far.

Edwin Hamell  
208 E. Adams  
Dubuque, IA 62832

24 May 2011  
Members of the Board,

Having the Marion Surgery Center  
operated by the medical professionals  
who know the Business Matters far much  
more sense than someone who knows  
nothing of eye care. One needs to  
know the people who own and operate  
their place of treatment, gives us the  
assurance and relief of knowing we  
are in good hands.

Charlotte Brown-Reed  
701 S. Main St.  
Coulterville, IL  
62237

ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING BOARD

RE: Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

Board members

Please think about the people  
in Marion IL and the health  
care of their eyes.

I am against the Certificate  
of need Exemption.

Ray Sumner

13681 Oakdale Bl.

Oakdale, Ill. 62268

I am in agreement with Dr. Ahmad,  
He need the surgery center for more  
than a lawyers office.

Babette Reese  
503 South Douglas  
Pindneyville, IL 62274

May 24, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

We have learned that an attorney 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 very good job and we would like to see them continue doing surgery in present location:

Sincerely,

Edward and Judith Hamilton  
8933 Old State Route 14  
De Quoin, IL 62832



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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

RE: LETTERS OF OPPOSITION – Certificate of Exemption E-001-11  
Surgery Center of Southern Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are 20 Letters of Opposition

Sincerely,

  
Scherrie Eastwood

Dr. Akhmad needs to keep  
the surgery center in Marion.

Diana Simpson  
78 Peachet.  
Dexter, mo  
638811

Uam a pt of Dr Ahmad and support him 100%. a doctor who  
own a medical facility nota lawyer

Geneva Dinkuzer  
65 Dinkberg  
Benton mo 63736

5.24.11

U support Dr Ahmad in buying the  
surgery center. He is a excellent dr.

Paul Johnson  
PO Box 146  
Oran MO 63771

To whom it may concern

this is in regards to the purchase of  
the Marion surgery center

I support Dr. Maghool Ahmad to purchase  
it.

Sincerely,

Standa Atherton  
4210 Elmsted Rd  
Villa Ridge, IL

Yes I agree with Dr. Ahmad whole heartedly.

Lesna Leach

PO Box 132

Delta MO 63744

I oppose the certificate of need requested  
by Ron Osman.

Brittany Williams

11189 Hwy AA

Broseau, MO

63932

Dr. Ahmed showed be able to keep surgery center. Oppose  
for Osman request for need of surgery center

Brian Williams

11189 Hwy 111

Broadway, MO

Re: Surgery Center

Please allow Dr. Ahmad to obtain the Marion Surgery Center.

I oppose the certificate of need.

Thanks

Barbara Williams

11185 Hwy AA

Brosley, MO

63932

I believe the surgery center should be left in the hands  
of physicians. I oppose the certificate requested by the attorney

Missy Jackson  
3608 CR 677  
Quin, MO  
63961

I agree the certified need requested by Mr. Oshar.

Jerry Jackson

3608 CR 677

Oulter, Mo

63961

I am opposed to Ron Osman's request  
for a certificate of need in reference  
to the Marion IL surgery center.

Austy Moore  
11185A Hwy AA  
Broseley, Mo  
63932

I oppose Ron Osman's  
request to get the  
surgery center.

Rusty Moore  
11185A Hwy AA  
Brookley, mo  
63932

Please let Dr. Ahmad  
keep the surgery center  
in Marion, IL.

Amy Moore

11185A Hwy AA

Broseley, Mo

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MAY 23, 2011

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN -

I HAVE BEEN A PATIENT OF DR AHMAD AND HAD SURGERY AT HIS MT VERNON SURGERY CENTER, I WAS VERY CONVENIENT AND I EXPERIENCED EXCELLENT CARE. THEREFORE, I WOULD SUPPORT DR. AHMAD'S EFFORTS TO PURCHASE A SURGERY CENTER IN MARION SO THAT PATIENTS IN THAT AREA CAN HAVE SIMILAR CARE AND CONVENIENCE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Nooma Tucker  
Centerville,  
6280

5-23-11

I am a Patient of Marion Eye  
Center in Centralia..

I support Dr. Aronk in his  
Medical building in Marion.

John Murray  
Centralia, IL  
62875

5-23-11

Dear Sirs,

I oppose A Change of ownership, we really need affordable eye care. Marion Eye Centers are perfect for todays economy.

Thank You,

Sincerely,

Debra Petchey

5-22-11

To Whom It May Concern:

I support Dr. Ahmad in the purchase of  
the Marion Surgery Center.

Diana Foltz

801 S. Spruce

Pateoka, Il 62875

5-22-11

I support Dr. Ahmad to purchase  
the Marion Surgery Center.

Gary Foltz  
801 S. Spruce  
Palo Alto, IL 62875

I support Dr Ahmad in the purchase  
of the surgery center.

Robert D Arnold  
200 E WALNUT ST.  
Okin, Ill. 62870

5-22-11

To whom it may concern,  
Please keep Dr. Ahmad  
in charge & ownership of  
Maion Eye Center & Surgery  
Center.

Doris Adams  
260 Wisher Rd  
Patoka, Ill, 62875