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**Subject:** [External] Public Hearing on E-012-21, Harrisburg Medical Center, Harrisburg  
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**Attachments:** [Bowblis Declaration Final Public Version filed by SIH.pdf](#)  
[TAC as filed.pdf](#)  
[Breast Lumpectomy hi-to-lo.pdf](#)  
[Breast Lumpectomy hi-to-lo.xlsx](#)  
[Gall Bladder Work hi-to-lo.xlsx](#)  
[Screening Colonoscopy hi-to-lo.xlsx](#)  
[Screening Colonoscopy Data \(022217\).docx](#)  
[Dept of Justice Statement of Interest.pdf](#)  
[Herrin Hospital Outpatient Median Charge Data.doc](#)  
[Marion HealthCare LLC Outpatient Services.doc](#)  
[Memorial Hospital of Carbondale State Data.doc](#)  
[St Joseph Murphysboro Median Charge Data.doc](#)

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To Whom It May Concern:

I represent Marion HealthCare, LLC as its attorney.

Marion HealthCare, LLC opposes the change of ownership of Harrisburg Medical Center. My client believes the change of ownership will further consolidate an already consolidated healthcare market in Southern Illinois. Marion HealthCare, LLC holds the belief and opinion that Southern Illinois Hospital Services and Southern Illinois Healthcare Enterprises, Inc. currently holds monopoly power in the healthcare arena in approximately twenty counties in Southern Illinois.

The monopoly held by Southern Illinois Hospital Services and Southern Illinois Healthcare Enterprises, Inc. decreases the competitive market forces and drives up the costs of healthcare. Southern Illinois Hospital Services and Southern Illinois Healthcare Enterprises, Inc. has a stranglehold on the market, to the detriment of patients living in Southern Illinois. I attach some relevant publicly filed documents, including an expert report from Dr. John Bowblis. His report outlines his opinions on the monopoly.

Marion HealthCare, LLC opposes the change of ownership of Harrisburg Medical Center because it will further increase the monopoly power of Southern Illinois Hospital Services and Southern Illinois Healthcare Enterprises, Inc.. It will drive up healthcare prices in Southern Illinois. The healthcare prices in Southern Illinois are already exceedingly high. Allowing Southern Illinois

Hospital Services and Southern Illinois Healthcare Enterprises, Inc. to further increase its monopoly power is not in the best interest of the public.

I attach various supporting documents related to costs. These are documents from the IDPH website or other publicly available sites. I also submit Blue Cross Cost-Compare data which was obtained from Blue Cross' online source for patients to compare prices.

I will be presenting orally via remote presentations on July 8, as well.

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