A public comment has been received 05/14/2024.

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## Topic: OSC CON

**Comment** : I fully support the proposal of UVMMC to build a new outpatient surgery center on Tilley Drive. This is essential for so many reasons...access to care; trends of surgical techniques to more outpatient surgery which is less costly and less invasive for patients. Growing population in Chittenden County and increased demand. Aging population which utilizes more surgeries suited to Medicare requirements that certain surgery is considered outpatient, eg., joint replacement surgery. Existing facilities at the Fanny Allen are outdated and inefficient and do not accommodate equipment required for current surgical techniques. On every parameter this new facility meets requirements of access to care which is currently inhibited by long delays; cost effectiveness; support of cost and need projections by consultants engaged by GMCB. Endorse the proposal as submitted for the full scope of the facility. Our region is hampered on many dimensions by the lack of access and timely surgical care for many conditions ideally suited to an outpatient center such as this. UVMMC is a star in the crown of Vermont and this support is necessary for the sustainability of care in this region.

## Post Comment: Yes