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**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Public Comment

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From: GMCB.Board@vermont.gov [mailto:GMCB.Board@vermont.gov]  
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Submitted on Friday, September 1, 2017 - 4:37pm Submitted by anonymous user: [172.30.78.110] Submitted values are:

Name: Mark W. Richards  
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Town: Brattleboro  
Email Address: mrichards@therichardsgrp.com  
Topic: Certificate of Need  
Comment:  
Re: Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Certificate of Need

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing in support of Brattleboro Memorial Hospital's (BMH) Certificate of Need for a 4-story building which will provide necessary space to replace the existing operating rooms, cardiac rehab and expanded space for physician offices, as well as replacement of the antiquated boilers/heating system.

My company, The Richards Group, and my family in general have long realized the importance of BMH as one of the key hubs of support for not only Brattleboro but Windham County in general. This new addition will help solidify that role. It will make BMH a more efficient and modern facility; help with physician recruitment, a huge challenge for any regional community hospital; and also help with recruitment of new employers to our area, a critical ongoing effort as we work to replace the many lost jobs that occurred when Vt Yankee closed. Being a long time member of the local regional development organization, Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, many times I have seen first hand, the importance of a modern local healthcare facility to a prospective company considering moving into our area.

BMH is truly central to our community and everyone in Windham County. They will all be there at some point, either as a patient, a visitor, a hospital employee or a member of the BMH Medical Staff. We can't afford to let them down.

Thank you for your consideration of this CON.

Respectfully

Mark W. Richards

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