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To the GMCB:

As someone who works out in the public every day, I constantly hear the perennial stories of health care sadness that Vermonters experience every day because we as a state and a nation value profit more than we do people.

Like so many of the commentators who spoke up against the new OneCare budget, I echo their frustrations.

To add another administrative layer to a broken mess already overwhelmed with expensive administrative layers that we have to finance out of our co-pays, deductibles, and premiums hardly seems like the way to control health care costs because we have such a weight of administration. The salaries of our administrations in the hospitals, versus those out on the line, are already scandalous (<https://vtdigger.org/2018/08/21/ken-libertoff-exorbitant-salaries-health-care-executives/>), it is excessively difficult to conceive of how this budget will contribute to lowering costs down the road. It won't and we all know it.

I would like to repeat what one commenter said about disclosing the salaries of the top OneCare officials. I applauded and backed up Chairman Mullin when he did this for the hospitals (<https://vtdigger.org/2017/07/05/mullin-endorses-salary-disclosure-hospital-administrators/>), and I urge the GMCB to do the same with OneCare. It is we the people who are subsidizing OneCare, as we are the enormous salaries of the Hospital CEOs, and we are not getting much in return for our generosity except a burgeoning monopoly and always rising costs that our stagnant wages cannot take anymore.

It is only fair that we know how much we are paying OneCare CEOs.