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Kevin Mullin, Chairman
Green Mountain Care Board
144 State Street
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Dear Chairman Mullin,

I am writing in support of the OneCare Vermont (OCV) 2020 budget submission to the Green Mountain Care Board.

Gifford Medical Center (Gifford) began participating in the All-Payer Model with OCV, in the Medicaid program, in January 2019. We share OCV's commitment to make Vermont the healthiest state in the nation, and are aligned with OCV's mission to improve health, to lower the rate of cost increases, and to coordinate care. Gifford has invested in these activities through our participation with OCV and through our own efforts in collaboration with local partners.

Over the past two years Gifford has increased our investments in community health outreach. Last spring we made the decision to team with RiseVT, OCV's community health program, to coordinate and extend our efforts. Our joint investment in this program will benefit our population for years to come.

Gifford also benefits from access to Care Navigator and other analytical tools offered through OCV. With these tools we have been able to access data and analytics that directly aid our population health activities. We are better able to identify the specific needs of our patient population and tailor services that positively impact care.

Gifford, like Vermont's other participating hospitals, has invested budget dollars that fund the accountable care organization (ACO), programs, and data infrastructure necessary to support the state's All-Payer Model. However, hospitals cannot continue to shoulder the burden of the delivery system reform efforts that the state of Vermont agreed to fund along with the federal government through the All-Payer Model agreement. I urge you and the Green Mountain Care Board to continue your support for Vermont's All-Payer Model by approving the OneCare Vermont 2020 budget submission.

Respectfully,

Dan Bennett
President and CEO