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November 7, 2022

Owen Foster, Board Chair  
Green Mountain Care Board  
144 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear Green Mountain Care Board,

As CEO of Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, I would like to voice our support for OneCare Vermont's proposed FY 2023 budget. NVRH has worked hard over the last few years to create alignment with Vermont's healthcare reform efforts, and we strongly support OneCare and their work to reduce healthcare spending and improve health outcomes through the value-based model, which is the cornerstone of those reform efforts.

The St. Johnsbury health service area has greatly benefited from the partnership with OneCare, which has enhanced our data analytics, local care coordination, and strengthened partnerships with local care organizations—all of which are resulting in better care for our patients. We worked closely with the OneCare team to develop an alternative, geographic attribution model for Medicaid patients, which has become a standard for Participating OneCare communities. All this work would not be possible without the framework realized through OneCare.

The need for this structure could not be more evident as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the formidable headwinds that the pandemic presented, the reform work as supported by OneCare has continued as they transition to value-based care. At NVRH, we believe this is the best path forward, which is why we are expanding our participation in calendar year 2023. Despite the challenges, the significant investment in the all-payer model we have made is making a real difference in our care delivery system.

Support for the OneCare FY 2023 budget will enable this important work to continue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn P. Tester", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Shawn P. Tester  
Chief Executive Officer

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