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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Community Engagement: Hospital Sustainability and Act 167

Comment: Four generations of our family have relied on Grace Cottage for exceptional care, starting in the early 1940s and continuing today. We've been treated for broken bones, falls, incredible palliative care, and toddler tummy aches. The doctors and nursing staff are outstanding – knowledgeable and caring. It is a tremendous gift to have it in our community, but beyond that, Grace Cottage provides a critical resource for the many surrounding small towns that couldn't meet the complex needs of an aging rural population without going a long distance. Grace Cottage has taken the lead in improving its own services with the recent expansion of the Emergency Department and with the plan for the new clinic. We urge the Green Mountain Care board to support the clinic project and to join us in an appreciation for a health care gem in the middle of such difficult times in Vermont and beyond.

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