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Topic: North Country Hospital, Newport, VT

Comment: North Country Hospital and the surrounding medical facilities are vital to the small community of Newport as well as Orleans County and the entire Northeast Kingdom. This facility is the primary economic driver in the region, offering well paying jobs for countless community members. The hospital provides medical care in an area which has little to no public transportation. This is a huge deal in the poorest area of the state, where traveling to receive medical care is not possible for many due to age, health, or cost. North Country Hospital is also an important member of the community- offering wellness and exercise classes, sponsoring events, providing education and even a gift shop and place for the community to walk. The already struggling area would be devastated if we lose our hospital. Trying to attract and retain workers and our young adults is already difficult due to lack of high paying jobs, manufacturing, and little housing. Losing our hospital would make it even more difficult to attract residents and workers to ensure a vibrant and thriving community. Making mothers travel an hour or more for care and to deliver is creating a hardship and putting them at risk. Please keep North Country Hospital open for the health, well-being and success of the people of the Northeast Kingdom.

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