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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Brendon Nelson-Wade

Affiliation: UVMMC

Town/City: Burlington, VT

Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: My name is Brendon Nelson-Wade, I work as an inpatient pharmacy tech at UVMMC. Having worked in more than one department at UVMMC I've seen a lot. From giving chest compressions to filling patient's medications, we deserve a lot more. Having management that watches us struggle while keeping this place running, all for less than \$20 an hour, is horrible. I am here writing in for those service workers who literally save lives. I left my previous department with the trauma of not being able to save lives, that was an emotionally tolling job & we weren't even making a livable wage at that. We're asking the board to consider ensuring that the UVM Medical Center prioritizes in our budget the most important resource; employees. We have been undervalued for too long.

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