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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Carla Levesque

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: I am a Unit Secretary at UVM Medical Center. What needs to be improved? Most obvious is base pay and annual raises. We keep having our benefits and medical costs go up with barely a 50 cent raise yearly. Its absurd. The cost of living is through the roof and we are expected to work regular hours (cause no overtime is allowed) and pay our bills, raise our kids, pay extremely high living costs with pocket change? Unacceptable. We also need more tiers added to job titles so that all employees can advance and excel in their positions without having to leave current job to find a better paying job elsewhere. Its not rocket science. The hospital can pay these travelers bank and build all these outpatient surgical units worth millions but theres no money for staff???. Again...Unacceptable. Something needs to change and fast. Government jobs are looking better everyday! 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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