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**Subject:** Public Comment: Hospital Budget 2023-08-21T15:42:30Z

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Evan Leaf

Affiliation:

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: I am an undergraduate student at the University of Vermont and a per diem employee of UVMMC. I have been at the hospital for almost a year, and I know how hard all of the members of my union work in order to provide quality care to all of our patients. This effort is not reflected in the wages benefits and working conditions at the hospital. I have heard from colleagues who struggle to pay rent and cannot afford healthcare for themselves or their families. My current wage of \$17.28 per hour is less than a living wage in Chittenden county according to MIT's livable wage calculator. This should not be the experience of people working at UVMMC. Throughout our collective bargaining process we have asked management to respect us and compensate us in the way we deserve. At every opportunity they have refused. We are asking you to help us communicate to the hospital management that we deserve dignity, safety in the workplace and the wages that allow us to live fulfilling lives.

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