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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Gina Wrest

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: I am a Medical Assistant in the Ophthalmology department at UVMHC. As a whole the support staff need to be paid a livable wage and be able to afford to live in this state. Right now employees can't afford to live here and they don't feel safe within their job. Being punched, kicked, bit, or slapped, and even called racial slurs by patients. The Burlington City Council has agreed that all UVMHC support staff need to be able to meet their basic needs. This is not being done by management. Something needs to be done to support the very people whom are the backbone of UVMHC. 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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