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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Kaitlyn Waring

Affiliation: UVMMC

Town/City: Burlington, VT

Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: My name is Kaitlyn Waring, I work at UVMMC in Specialty Pharmacy as a Patient Care Coordinator. Us staff here at UVMMC need better wages and health benefits. I cannot afford health insurance, I cannot afford to live. We shouldn't have to choose between eating and going to the doctor. Healthy workers make a strong force. It is horrific that we, the back bone of this hospital, can't afford to function at the most basic level. We want to live, not just survive. 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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