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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Kendra Lavallee

Affiliation:

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: I am a medical assistant in the infusion center. I have been an employee at UVM medical center for over 10 years. I don't even make \$20 an hour. I have been back and forth in a debate with myself about leaving the hospital because I could make more as a dishwasher. I love my job and I love the patients I care for. I have to work 3 jobs to be able to barely make my bills. It is infuriating to me that I work 60+ hours a week to be able to survive. I'm working to live. I wonder if our administration has ever had to choose between buying groceries or putting gas in their car to be able to get to work. I bet you they haven't. But that is a decision many of us face multiple times A MONTH. It's extremely discouraging and there needs to be a change.

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