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**Subject:** Public Comment: Hospital Budget 2023-08-21T16:56:00Z

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Robin Hill

Affiliation: UVMHC

Town/City: Burlington, VT

Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: My name is Robin Hill, I work as a patient access specialist at UVMHC. I would like to see higher wages and affordable healthcare. It's very expensive to buy food and housing on the low wages the hospital provides. We deserve to be treated with respect, that starts with livable wages. I personally have worked in the same department for 24 years. During this time I cannot even begin to tell you how many people have left because of low wages and short staffing. 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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