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Comment: As a resident physician at the UVMMC, I also practice family medicine (primary care) at Milton Family Practice. I would like to advocate for support from the Green Mountain Care Board to the UVM medical center when it comes to budget discussions. UVM represents the highest level of care available and also the only academic institution trains the next generation of physicians. UVM also serves a large catchment area that includes upstate NY and rural northern Vermont; thus it is unique compared to other smaller hospital in the amount of service and level of expertise provided. I have patients in my clinic with complicated medical conditions and heavily reliant on the specialty care from UVM to avoid a trip to another academic center such as Dartmouth or Boston. I have also taken care of patients sent to UVM, 2-3 hours from home, to get specialized care such as kidney biopsy, specialized endoscopy. UVM is crucial in providing care to a large number of patients and especially those with limited access to care as a result of structural determinants of health such as financial, housing, or food insecurity. I advocate for proper investment in UVM that matches up to this institution's value to the state of Vermont. Support of this sort can improve the quality provided by compensating its staff appropriately and also allow further the advancement of medicine through support of academic endeavors by allowing medical trainees to excel in what they do. Investment in the training of medical personnel will help address the health care worker shortage as satisfied trainees are more likely to stay locally to practice.

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