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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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**Name:** Julie Jones

**Affiliation:** UVMHN

**Town/City:** Milton

**Topic:** Hospital Budget

**Comment:** As both a nurse working within the UVM Health Network and a cancer patient, I want to express my deep concern regarding the recent budget cuts at UVMHC and CVMC. In 2019, I was diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer, but it was an aggressive Grade 3. Due to the backlog of patients at UVMHC, I faced delays in receiving treatment. This created a very real risk that my cancer could have metastasized, spreading throughout my body. The care I eventually received was exceptional, and I am grateful to be here today. However, these financial reductions could further strain the ability to deliver timely, life-saving care to patients like myself. Ensuring that we continue to prioritize resources for critical services is essential for the health and well-being of our community. Thank you for considering the impact of these cuts on patients and the dedicated healthcare professionals who strive to provide the best care possible.

**Post Comment:** Yes