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Comment: To whom this may concern, I have been an employee of this organization for 23 years. Started at UVMMC when they were digging the parking garage for the new Ambulatory Care Center. And it was my impression at the time that this addition was greatly going to improve the health care for everyone in Burlington and Chittenden County as well. But buildings alone do nothing to improve healthcare. All they do is provide the necessary space for what I consider are the three most important factors of healthcare in the new Millenium: medical professional, IT hardware and a germ free or sterile environment for visitors, patients and staff. We need the most professional, educated & skilled doctors, nurses and medical personnel. We need people to provide a place that emphasizes cleanliness and germ-free environment. BUT in today's age, the most important things we need is up-to-date and engaging IT hardware for the professionals providing the BEST treatment and care possible. Take that away or force people to use outdated equipment and healthcare suffers greatly. UVMMC does not function on wishes, we need increases in budgets because it saves lives and/or provides the best healthcare possible to Vermont.

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