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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: Dear Board Members, As you thoughtfully consider the UVMHN budget request I would like to ask the board to take into consideration that in the past year we have seen an increase of 24,000 new and unique patients at UVMMMC; which is the only Academic Level 1 Trauma Center in the state of Vermont. On behalf of our patients and communities that we serve, my hope is that the board will strongly consider approving the current proposed budget. Approval of this budget will empower the staff's ability to provide healthcare access and properly support the increased patient volumes. As volumes are not projected to decrease and staff responsibilities are projected to increase, it would be expected that our infrastructure will need to grow in capacity in order to properly provide care for our patients. Further budget cuts would handicap our capacity to continue providing the best healthcare we can to our community now and into the future. "Many hands make light work" emphasizes the importance of teamwork and cooperation. This idiom represents how a tough, "heavy" task can become "lighter" easier, quicker, and cost effective when multiple people are able to help. My hope is that you will agree and therefore accept and pass the proposed budget. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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