

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Community Engagement: Hospital Sustainability and Act 167

Comment:

To Whom It May Concern,

To reduce our No. Ctry Hospital in Newport, VT to anything less than a full functioning hospital would jeopardize the health and welfare of our entire community. This includes the towns of No. Troy, Westfield, Lowell, Orleans, Barton, Newport Center, Albany, Craftsbury, Greensboro, S. Albany, Troy, Coventry, W. Charleston, E. Charleston, Derby, Holland, Morgan, Derby Line, Island Pond, Norton, Averill, Brownington, Canaan, Glover, W. Glover, Irasburg, Newark, Jay and of course Newport. The most recent estimate is a population of 33,526! A very rural and older population. A population that is at present underserved in the field of health care. We need more, not less! In regards to the GMCB's recent report the Hospital CEO Tom Frank said "When you make the recommendation of no OB services, when you make the recommendation of no orthopedics services, when you make the recommendation of turning our ED into a 16-hour urgent care and to turn our in-patient beds into mental health beds, that's basically saying close the hospital," Please DO NOT IMPLEMENT these recommendations! Sincerely, Christine Carrington 50 year resident of NEK, presently living in Newport

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