

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

**Submit Time:** 09/30/2024

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**Town/City:** Derby

**Topic:** Act 167 Community Engagement to Support Hospital Transformation

**Comment:**

To: Owen Foster, chair

Cc: All GMCBoard members,

I live in Derby, Vermont and am aware of a report done by a consulting firm that recommends closing our local Hospital. It is located 50 miles from the next closest hospital. In just the town of Derby combined with the City of Newport this Hospital serves approx ten thousand people not including the rest of the catchment area served by North Country Hospital. Being that NCH is the largest employer here in this part of the financially depressed, Northeast Kingdom, closing the Hospital would be totally asinine don't you agree?

Please give consideration to this part of the State of Vermont, we need North Country Hospital to be a fully functioning Critical Care Hospital. Just a few years ago it won National Recognition as a Critical Care Hospital!!

Clean Air, Clean Water for Our Children and Their Children.

Peace and Love,

Effie

**Post Comment:** Yes