

From: LaJeunesse, Kristen<Kristen.Lajeunesse@vermont.gov>

Sent on: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 12:04:10 AM

To: Barrett, Susan<Susan.Barrett@vermont.gov>; Foster, Owen<Owen.Foster@vermont.gov>; Walsh, Thom<Thom.Walsh@vermont.gov>; Murman, David<David.Murman@vermont.gov>; Lunge, Robin<Robin.Lunge@vermont.gov>; Holmes, Jessica A.<Jessica.A.Holmes@vermont.gov>; Melamed, Marisa<Marisa.Melamed@vermont.gov>; Watson, Hilary<Hilary.Watson@vermont.gov>; Berube, Alena<Alena.Berube@vermont.gov>; AHS - Health Care Reform<AHS.HealthCareReform@vermont.gov>; LaJeunesse, Kristen<Kristen.Lajeunesse@vermont.gov>

Subject: Public Comment: Act 167 Community Engagement

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

Submit Time: 2024-10-15T00:04:07Z

Name: Joan Alexander

Affiliation: retired public school teacher

Town/City: Glover

Topic: Community Engagement: Hospital Sustainability and Act 167

Comment: I have lived in the Northeast Kingdom for over 40 years, returning to the area where my parents were born and raised, and where my ancestors reach back 7 generations. I love this beautiful area of VT, and appreciate all that it offers, but I do realize that the Northeast Kingdom has its hardships, too. Having our local hospital stripped down of so many services that we all depend on would be catastrophic, not only for patients seeking help, but with all the jobs that would be lost... it would be another hard hit to our economy. Would people want to move here knowing there is not a full-functioning hospital?? Targeting the NEK, with a population lower than almost all other areas in VT, may seem like an easy solution to hospital funding woes, but just because we are smaller in number does not justify getting the short end of the stick. Please take another look at the report's recommendation and realize how important having a local hospital is to us!

Post Comment: Yes