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Owen Foster, Board Chair  
Green Mountain Care Board  
144 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear Green Mountain Care Board,

As CEO of Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, I would like to voice our support for OneCare Vermont's proposed FY 2024 budget. NVRH has worked hard over the last few years to create alignment with Vermont's healthcare reform efforts, and we strongly support OneCare and their work to reduce healthcare spending and improve health outcomes through the value-based model, which is the cornerstone of those reform efforts.

As leaders in healthcare reform, the St. Johnsbury health service area has greatly benefited from the partnership with OneCare. In alignment with Blueprint for Health and other care transformation initiatives, locally, we have leveraged the enhanced data analytics to inform quality improvement, to enhance care coordination, as well as strengthened partnerships with local care organizations. We continue to evolve and foster a culture of team-based care using best-practices aligned with the population health model (PHM) and OneCare framework, resulting in better care and outcomes for our patients.

According to evaluation reports, as supported by the US Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services Innovation Center, OneCare continues to achieve results for the populations served. For Medicaid beneficiaries, there has been a reduction in gross spending, as well as lowered hospitalizations and unplanned readmissions. From a cost perspective, OneCare has achieved financial targets for Medicare and all-payer total costs of care. The fixed prospective payment model provides reliable income and supports PHM efforts in a time of uncertainty across the healthcare system.

At NVRH, we believe this is the best path forward. Despite the challenges, the significant investment in the all-payer model we have made is making a real difference in our care delivery system, and we are well-poised for future efforts to further value-based healthcare delivery in Vermont.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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