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

Dear Chair Foster and All Members of the Green Mountain Care Board:

We are writing to you on behalf of Primary Care Health Partners to express our support for OneCare Vermont's (OCV) 2024 budget proposal. You may recall from previous correspondence Primary Care Health Partners is an independent primary care group with 10 office sites in Vermont, including family medicine, pediatrics, and adult medicine practices. We take care of over 35,000 Vermonters.

Primary Care Health Partners has been participating with OneCare Vermont since 2014. We participate in many of the committees of OCV and were one of the original groups in the Comprehensive Payment Reform (CPR) pilot in 2018.

As we have shared with you previously, we appreciate OCV's role in taking positive steps forward in the transformation of healthcare in Vermont. OCV fosters a unique collaboration among hospitals, FQHCs, independent practices, home health agencies, long term care facilities, and mental health agencies. This collaboration is supported by OCV financial and clinical data analytics.

As an independent primary care group, Primary Care Health Partners has been especially appreciative of the CPR program, which has enabled our practices to provide expanded care coordination and mental health services to our patients. We are confident that without this investment and commitment from OCV our patients would not be receiving the same level of care. Furthermore, without the support of the CPR program, some of our practices would not have survived the last several years due to the fragile financial state of independent primary care. We have also heard other independent practices outside of our group echo our great appreciation for OCV's support.

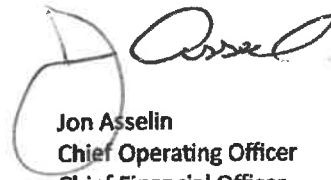
We look forward to continuing our collaborative work with our OCV partners focusing on our common goals of further improving a model of coordinated integrated healthcare in Vermont. Much work has already been done toward these goals, yet there is much more work to do. With this in mind, we fully support the current OCV budget proposal as it will enable our work together to go forward.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this letter.

Sincerely,



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