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Name: Mark W. Richards Affiliation:

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Comment: I have lived in Brattleboro, Vermont all my life and have been involved in many capacities, supporting Brattleboro Memorial Hospital (BMH)...as a Board Member; a member of the Planning Committee; the Finance Committee; and the Development Committee to name a few. I feel strongly that a community hospital, in this case BMH, is the single most prominent focal point of any town, particularly a rural town in Vermont. Every single member of the community will be in BMH at some point in their life as an employee; a member of the medical staff; a patient; a visitor; or a volunteer. It is critically important that people have local service for the majority of their healthcare needs and BMH has provided this service for decades in a remarkable capable and professional manner. I would urge the Green Mountain Care Board to continue supporting BMH as they have in the past. For this our community is greatly appreciative. Mark W. Richards President, The Richards Group

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