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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Rep. Mollie Burke

Affiliation: Vermont Legislature

Town/City: Brattleboro

Topic: Community Engagement: Hospital Sustainability and Act 167

Comment: Grace Cottage Hospital is a jewel, beloved by the surrounding communities, a necessary component of our regional health care system, an important employer, and an economic benefit to the rural communities it serves. Though we live in Brattleboro , my family and I have been receiving our primary care from Grace Cottage for over 40 years. We are always able to get appointments within hours or a day or two after calling. Grace Cottage also has a walk in clinic for respiratory issues which has been extremely convenient. We are very happy to have Brattleboro hospital close by for emergencies and major procedures but Grace Cottage serves us so well for our primary care needs. And looking at the testimonials from people who have been hospitalized at Grace Cottage you can see how the very personal care people receive contributes to their healing. As a member of the legislature I am aware that people's needs for health care are not necessarily served by merging health care facilities. I am happy to answer any questions you may have regarding my comments. Sincerely Rep. Mollie S. Burke

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