



May 16, 2024

Dear Members of the Green Mountain Care Board:

Please accept this letter of support for the UVM Medical Center's application to develop an Outpatient Surgery Center in South Burlington. The Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation (GBIC) is a non-profit economic development corporation serving Chittenden County, dedicated to supporting an economic environment consistent with an uncompromised natural environment. We have been working since 1954 to ensure present and future generations of Vermonters can live, learn, work and play in the Champlain Valley.

Central to all of this – our culture, our community and our economy – is a thriving and dynamic local health care delivery system. We are extremely fortunate to have UVM Medical Center in our community, providing primary care, hospital-based care and advanced surgical services. We also know that access to these services has been challenged, especially through and coming out of the pandemic. One of the areas we routinely see access to care delays is in UVM Medical Center's surgical areas, where long delays for routine procedures and more advanced surgeries like joint replacement are routine. I have had family members and friends who needed surgical procedures and were unable to schedule surgery in a time frame that was tolerant of their pain levels so they had to leave Vermont for more timely surgery. We agree 100% with UVM Medical Center that this is an area desperately in need of investment. Having reviewed their proposal and met with their leadership, I am confident the plan they put forward is responsible, prudent and meets an essentially vital need in our community, and will not only ensure a more sustainable health system but a more sustainable economic environment for our region.

Please accept this emphatic note of support and I hope you consider it as you deliberate on the UVM Medical Center's Outpatient Surgery Center proposal.

Thank you for your service to Vermont.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Frank Cioffi'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin blue rectangular border.

Frank Cioffi,

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