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Green Mountain Care Board
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Montpelier, Vermont 05602
Public Comment sent via email to GMCB.Board@vermont.gov

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the City of South Burlington, we write today to enthusiastically support UVM Medical Center's efforts to build an Outpatient Surgical Center at 19 Tilley Drive in South Burlington. This project was designed in partnership with our Planning and Zoning team and has received the needed local permits. Beyond that, we recognize the critical need to expand surgical services in our region in order to best support the health care needs of all of our neighbors.

South Burlington is Vermont's second-most-populous city and its third-largest employment center. We offer some of the most significant education, transportation, healthcare, innovation and manufacturing facilities in the State. We have the privilege of geography – being located along major transit routes, we house the State's largest airport, and we have some of the strongest State institutional partners within miles of our community. And we are actively growing to support a climate resilient and sustainable community that focuses on locating housing options in walkable and bikeable distances of some of the best jobs and services in the State. We would welcome the Outpatient Surgical Center on Tilley Drive and stand ready to support with housing options for employees, access for patients, and welcoming neighbors.

Additionally, we know from our employees, our residents, and in the experience of our own families' that increased surgical capacity is needed to reduce wait times and ensure that our neighbors receive the surgical medical attention (and can go home) in the timeliest manner possible. As we continue to grow both our housing base and our innovative business sectors, our concern about diminished healthcare capacity also grows. We see this new Center as a critical component of ensuring adequate and proper service for our residents, businesses, employees, and families for years to come.

We will be proud to host the new Outpatient Surgical Center in South Burlington and look forward to welcoming visitors from across Vermont and the region to UVM Medical Center's excellent new facility on Tilley Drive. We are happy to provide any additional information needed. Our email addresses are listed below. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Barritt".

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