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From: Seth Bowden, President, Vermont Business Roundtable
To: Owen Foster; Chair, Green Mountain Care Board
c/o: Green Mountain Care Board

re: UVM Medical Center Outpatient Surgery Center

Chair Foster and Members of the Green Mountain Care Board:

I'm writing in support of the UVM Medical Center's application to construct and develop the proposed Outpatient Surgery Center (OSC). The Vermont Business Roundtable is a CEO membership organization dedicated to the advancement of policy that supports the economic, social, and education needs identified by our diverse business community.

Our mission as a Roundtable is to make Vermont the best place in America to do business, be educated, and live life. Core to that mission is the role that healthcare plays in the well-being of Vermont – both in terms of the population health outcomes of our people, and in the resiliency and vitality of our economy. Throughout our organization's history, we have had a robust focus on the delivery of healthcare as a means to achieve the aims listed above.

Our members recognize the importance of investing in the system that delivers healthcare to Vermonters. We also understand it is essential to look at our demographics and respond to the practical needs that we will encounter as a state. The ongoing issues of access and affordability will only accelerate without intentional and well-planned intervention. The OSC represents an immediate opportunity to improve the delivery of much needed surgical care.

Our VBR Board of Directors met with UVM Medical Center leadership, and feel that the proposed OSC will support identified needs in the region and will do so with a financially sustainable model that does not increase cost pressures that are being experienced across the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this vital asset for the future of our community, and for the GMCB's focus and leadership in overseeing our state's healthcare system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Seth Bowden".

Seth Bowden

President, VBR

