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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Annette Litchfield

Affiliation: Town/City:

Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: I am a Therapy Support Specialist for UVMMC's Rehab Outpatient Clinic. I'd like to see the UVM Medical Center prioritize it's most valuable asset, it's Support Staff and Techs. We need livable wages so we can afford housing, and to feed ourselves and our families without State/Government assistance. We need to be able to afford the healthcare that our employer offers so we don't have to depend on State/Government assistance to stay healthy. We need to be able to take care of ourselves so we can give the best care to our patients. We're asking the board to consider ensuring that the UVM Medical Center prioritizes in our budget the most important resource; employees. We have been undervalued for too long.

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