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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Charlene Spaulding

Affiliation:

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: My name is Charlene Spaulding, and I am a Unit Secretary in the Operating Room at UVMHC. Many staff members have shared stories about not being able to offer their families the kind of life that should be available to people working in Vermont. Paid a wage that is not sufficient to pay rent, buy groceries, acquire health insurance, many are living an impoverished lifestyle while working for Vermont's largest employer! Our union is bargaining for a better upbringing for our children, who will be tomorrow's wage earners, through wages and improvements for their parents! Vermonters deserve better! When I started here 19 years ago, I could not afford to contribute to my retirement and only relied on the hospital percentage contribution. This has not changed for me, and I will be 69 years old in September. I want to see Support Staff and Techs receive the compensation they deserve and be able to plan for retirement and not need to face it with trepidation. 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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