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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Curtis Lantagne

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: My name is Curtis Lantagne and I am an ED MHT Advanced at UVMMC. There are not many jobs where you face violence or have the potential for violence everyday. Being an MHT in the largest ED in the state and dealing with our patient population we deal with this daily. I personally have been stabbed, hit, kicked, and spit on. We were part of the front line during Covid. We deserve better pay for what we deal with. Our colleagues deserve better pay for what they do to support us. We deserve the protection equipment to keep us safe. If I had a vest when I was stabbed, I would not have a scar on my back. When my coworkers was hit in the face with a food tray, causing a broken nose and multiple stitches, our CEO, Dr. Leffler came down to check on the ED...a week later. There were multiple injuring the week before. In that visit in relation to my coworker made the comment "bummer. It's part of the job." I don't know any job where this is considered part of the job in the hospital. I don't see it in our job description as an MHT either. The hospital says we are their most important resource. Make them show it. Pay us fairly for our work! Make them set aside funds to only be used to our position of pay. 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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