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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Emily Houston

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: My name is Emily Houston, and I am a Clinical Research Coordinator at UVMMC. It is incredibly important for the staff at UVMMC to earn a liveable wage to demonstrate how we value their role in a health care center within our state, and also to allow for Vermonters to afford to live in this state. Currently, there are workers who show up every day to jobs that support our community, but go home and worry about affording food, housing, and other necessities. I, myself, make a decent wage (relative to other support/tech staff) and my family lives in a CHT-shared equity home. If we didn't have this, I don't think my family could stay in VT, as many cannot. We need to offer better 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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