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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Emma Armstrong Affiliation: Town/City:

Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: My name is Emma Armstrong, and I am a Clinical Trials Specialist in the Cancer Center at UVMMC. Our union negotiations are an opportunity to ensure that UVMMC pays living wages to it's workers. Not only will this retain existing staff, it will also attract workers and end our staffing shortage. No more travelers or contract workers which is a large amount of resources. 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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