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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Haven Herdlitchka

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Comment: I am a Clinical Research Coordinator in the Neurology department at UVMMC. Members of the board,thank you for acknowledging the importance of recruiting and retaining high-quality health care professionals, and the direct role this plays in improving the health of the population. June 10th of this year I moved to Burlington, after making the painful decision to flee my life-long home because of attacks on my safety and access to healthcare. I had a significant pay cut coming to UVMMC, despite the cost of living being considerably higher here, including my rent which more than doubled. I left my entire support system seeking safety, but in the short time I've been here I've already had to choose between buying groceries and my own healthcare. I did not leave my entire life behind to be met with housing insecurity, food insecurity, or such a meager paycheck that I can't even afford the healthcare I moved here to have access to. Healthcare systems cannot function without support staff, but without livable wages, there will be no support staff. I respectfully request that GMCB, in alignment with the board's purpose statement, assist UVMMC to ensure the budget prioritizes the most valuable resource, the staff. Thank you.

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