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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Jeanne Bateman

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: I am a Therapy Support Specialist at UVMMC. Higher wages/livable wages will help us with the ability to afford basic necessities: groceries; commuting costs; utility bills; housing; health insurance premiums and health-related costs! Please allow UVMMC's budget to cover higher wages for support staff and sliding scale health insurance premiums, after all it is a hospital, and many of us cannot afford the health insurance offered to us on our current wages.

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