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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Jennifer Washburn-Lee

Affiliation:

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: My name is Jennifer Washburn-Lee and I am a Scheduling Specialist Senior in Radiology Communications at UVMHC. I would really like to see an overall improvement in benefits for all staff. During the Pandemic and the cyber attack Support Staff rallied and came in and were front line at front desks and changing rooms and making sure all patients were taken care of. Management continually touted how grateful they were to us and yet there are members of staff that need to utilize the food shelf on a regular basis or have a second job to make ends meet. As the cost of living goes up exponentially we are still underpaid for our services and dedication. I would like the hospital pay us a livable wage to show us that they appreciate us and our dedication to them and our patients and quality patient care. We are worth that. 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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