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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Kaitlin Ducharme

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: I am a SCOA at the Ear Nose and Throat clinic at UVMMC. Support staff need higher wages due to extreme understaffing. Low staffing means more stress on current staff to provide the best patient care while lacking proper support. 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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