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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Kathleen Grazier Affiliation: UVMMC

Town/City: Burlington, VT

Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: Dear GMCB, My name is Kathleen Grazier and I work as a medical assistant in hematology and oncology at UVMMC. The hospital needs to offer its support staff and techs a livable wage. We work short staffed with high patient volumes. The main reason we are not properly staffed is because workers do not stay or apply due to such low wages. We are dealing with patients lives and care. We need to be able to retain our support staff. 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. Thank you for your time. -Kathleen Grazier

Post Comment: Yes