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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Melissa Morse

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: I am a Clinical Care Associate at UVMMC. I have been in the medical field for 30 years. At this time in my career I'm feeling my years given to healthcare have no value. I start to question if it was all for nothing. I feel stuck at this point. I have been training new employees with less than a quarter of my experience and they are making more a hour than me. On my way to work this morning I read a sign that said hiring for delivering pizza at \$23 an hour. That was like a slap in the face this morning. Especially knowing we were going to be short staffed and I would be the one to keep the office afloat. Also knowing not only was I going to be running my behind off all day but I have to work my second job tonight. Why,? Because my 30 years of experience is undervalued and I cannot afford to live on what I make at UVM alone. 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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