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Comment: I am a medical resident at the University of Vermont Medical Center. Academic medical centers like the University of Vermont Medical Center benefit this region immensely by attracting highly skilled medical providers from a variety of backgrounds. Many of these skilled individuals will make a home out of this network or provide care to areas peripheral to the network. Without an academic medical center in Vermont, the future of high quality care in our community - both within and outside of the University of Vermont network - would be at a high risk of becoming medically underserved or medically mismanaged. Our community in Vermont will continue to benefit for decades if we continue to hold physicians and care providers to a high degree of academic expectations and education which the University of Vermont provides. Without an academic medical center, many Vermont families in dire need of quality and specialty health care will need to seek care from outside the state which can separate families and add significant financial burden to those in need. As a resident physician who was born and trained across the country, one of the most attractive aspects of University of Vermont Medical Center as a training academic center which brought me to this beautiful state was the opportunity to participate in the advancement of medicine, medical research and education for the next generation of physicians. Without an academic medical center in this state, I would have surely found my training elsewhere and would not have the opportunity to serve this community.

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