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Dear members of the board. I am a family medicine physician and the medical director for primary care at CVMC. Over the past year I have been involved in the implementation of our covid response. We developed and implemented a telemedicine program, an acute respiratory center with negative pressure rooms to safely care for patients with suspected covid, a drive through testing facility, a vaccination hub, a covid triage center, among other projects. Additionally, we weathered a cyberattack that crippled our operation and had dire effects on our ability to care for patients as well as on our financial health. Through it all we have endured and continued to work to provide exceptional care for our community. We have made great strides to provide better care coordination services for many of our most vulnerable and high risk patients. As we continue to work toward a greater emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention to curb the cost of healthcare, we need a strong primary care foundation. I would ask that you please consider approving the budget for CVMC so that we can continue to support the foundation of our community's health and wellbeing. Thank you, Jeremiah M. Eckhaus, M.D.