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Green Mountain Care Board

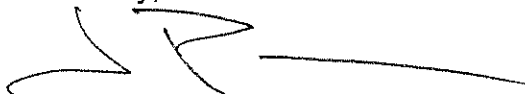
ATTN: Chair Mullin

Colleagues on the GMCB,

I'm writing in support of OCV as it seeks budget approval for FY22. I served on the Board of Managers of OCV for the last 5 years, with the last 3 as vice chair. Due to changes in Governance structure, I rotated off the Board recently and am writing today as the CEO and Chief Medical Officer at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center. We rely on the data and resources provided by OCV as we care for high risk and high-spend populations in VT and OCV is a necessary vehicle in our state's continued march toward true value-based care delivery. There is no plan B for healthcare delivery system reform right now and OCV needs ongoing support from providers, state stakeholders and the federal government as it continues to evolve to meet the needs of VT's provider network.

As a former Board member, I can vouch for the genuine cost-saving measures and efforts to reduce administrative expense across OCV. This was a constant source of discussion at the Board level and OCV responded when providers (re: hospitals) demanded lower participation dues and tighter risk corridors; thereby placing more pressure to reduce admin costs. I do not think there is any further room to cut costs without putting clinical programs at risk.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer
Chief Medical Officer