

**From:** Donnie Blake Jr.

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**Subject:** UVM's request for rate increase

Dear Chair Mullin and Members of the Green Mountain Care Board,

We at DBI are disturbed to hear of UVM's request to increase their rates as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Although I understand the cost of doing business in Vermont now, we feel it would be unfair and unfortunate for an increase starting second quarter of the year when we used rates approved by GMCB for the year not just the first quarter. This increase will have a considerable impact on our company's health care costs – at a point when we cannot plan accordingly.

We, like all Vermont businesses, must continually adjust to the changing landscape in our markets. We would expect hospitals to be on much stronger footing to do the same-particularly, considering the reserves they maintain.

Thank you for your time,

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