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Green Mountain Care Board 144 State Street Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear Green Mountain Care Board members:

I am writing to you as President and CEO of Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) to offer support of OneCare Vermont's (OCV) proposed budget for fiscal year 2023. SVHC is aligned with OCV's focus on improved health outcomes, higher quality of care, lower cost, and enhanced coordination of care. As you are aware, OCV is an organization of health care providers committed to the goal of helping Vermont's health care system transition to value based care. OCV continues to strive to transform our health care system as evidence by a number of key initiatives in its 2023 budget submission including:

- Investing nearly \$30 million directly to health care providers to support population health programs
- Promoting innovations in primary care payment models that increase resources for advance value based primary care
- Increasing the amount of risk providers are taking, which signals a deepening commitment to value-based care and migration away from fee for service medicine
- Increasing the accountability of the provider network to improve quality and outcomes, while reducing the administrative burden
- Maintaining a very low administrative cost structure compared to national averages

Given the very challenging financial times that the health care system in Vermont is facing, OCV has been able to decrease its operating budget from \$15.4 million in 2022 to \$15.2 million in 2023.

On behalf of Southwestern Vermont Health Care, I hope you will strongly consider OneCare Vermont's impact on the southern Vermont region, as well as the entire state of Vermont when reviewing their budget request for fiscal year 2023.

Thank you for your thoughtful review and consideration during this budget review process.

Thomas A. Dee

Sincerely

President and CEO