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Green Mountain Care Board  
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Re: One Care Vermont 2023 Budget

Dear Chairman Foster and Board Members,

I am writing as the CEO of the Vermont Foodbank (Foodbank) and a member of the OneCare Vermont (OneCare) board of managers to urge the Board to approve OneCare's 2023 budget. The All Payer Model (APM) states that "CMS and Vermont . . . aim for this Model to deliver meaningful improvements in the health of a state's entire population by transforming the relationships between and amongst care delivery and public health systems across Vermont." OneCare is doing just that. From the Foodbank's perspective, a population-level focus is essential to addressing both hunger and health. Investing in population health, prevention of chronic illness, and a system of value-based care creates incentive for our Vermont providers to focus on food security and proper nutrition. We see those health provider partnerships with the Foodbank growing year-by-year. It a key to meeting the Foodbank's vision of a Vermont where everyone has equitable access to enough nourishing food to eat every day, everyone takes action to end hunger and poverty, and everyone has what they need to thrive.

The Vermont Foodbank is proud to be involved in several Accountable Communities for Health around Vermont, and very much sees health care as a partner in solving hunger and its affects. Population health is the key to bending the cost curve, and last year OneCare directed \$30 million to providers in support of population health initiatives. No one hospital or health system in Vermont has or seeks that capacity. Strong analytics from OneCare will not only serve OneCare's provider members, but also have ripple benefits throughout Vermont.

OneCare is an investment in Vermont's future. There is no "plan B" for continuing a value-based care framework, systemically addressing population health, or providing data insights for Vermont's provider community. I strongly urge you to approve OneCare's 2023 budget to keep us moving toward a healthier future.

Sincerely,

John Sayles, CEO  
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