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Green Mountain Care Board
89 Main Street, Third Floor, City Center
Montpelier, Vermont, 05620

Dear Members of the Green Mountain Care Board:

I am writing on behalf of Lake Champlain Chocolates (LCC), to voice support for granting a Certificate of Need to the proposed Green Mountain Surgery Center. Now a second-generation family run company, LCC manufactures and sells specialty chocolates & confection products and gifts throughout the nation. We take tremendous pride in the local ingredients we use, the products we create and quality of life offered to employees here in the beautiful state of Vermont. Since 1983, our company has grown to employ over 150 individuals within the state of Vermont and I believe that the Green Mountain Surgery Center would generate significant savings for both our company and our employees by providing equal or more efficient and effective health care outcomes as compared to the current outpatient surgery options in the area.

Through conversations with the applicant's team and some of our own research, I understand that the ambulatory surgery center would generate significant savings for Lake Champlain Chocolates and its employees. In addition, it will also provide quality, safe, convenient alternative to the hospital for basic procedures and outpatient care.

Our company has always been committed to providing a strong health care plan as an option to employees. This is a choice we make as a business knowing that costs may fluctuate. However, the past several years have seen the cost of health care increase at an unsustainable and concerning rate. It is imperative now to improve our health care system and get a control on costs. I believe the ambulatory surgery center is a step toward more sustainable health care costs, as it provides a high quality, low cost alternative.

We support our local hospital but feel it is time for choice when it comes to outpatient care. I support the proposal for the Green Mountain Surgery Center and look forward to hearing the outcome of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Eric Lampman
President