



March 31, 2017

Green Mountain Care Board
89 Main Street, Third Floor
Montpelier, VT 05620

Re: Green Mountain Surgery Center
Docket No. GMCB-012-16con

Dear Members of the Green Mountain Care Board:

I am writing to express strong support for the Green Mountain Surgery Center's pending application for a Certificate of Need.

NFP (formerly known in Vermont as Fleischer Jacobs Group and Hackett, Valine and MacDonald) is a national corporate benefits organization working with hundreds of Vermont employers to bring comprehensive and cost effective benefit packages to their employees - health insurance being the key to any benefit package.

We continue to see the detrimental impact of rising health care costs on employers and their employees. The Green Mountain Surgery Center would offer an alternative setting in which to receive care and the ability to consider cost when making such decisions. With most employers offering some version of High Deductible Health Plans (with Health Savings and/or Reimbursement Accounts) this choice would be very meaningful for both the employer and employee.

NFP very much supports our local hospitals but also believes that an ambulatory surgical center would provide another option for individuals making informed choices when seeking the right care, in the right setting and at the best price.

I appreciate your consideration of the Green Mountain Surgery Center's CON application and your efforts to bring quality, affordable options to Vermont's health care system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mitch Fleischer".

Mitchell R. Fleischer
Managing Director

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