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**LEGISLATIVE WORKING VERMONTERS CAUCUS**

**AUGUST 10, 2018**

**DEAR CHAIRMAN MULLIN:**

As you know, the UVM Medical Center network will be presenting its proposed budget to the Green Mountain Care Board on August 23.

We are very concerned with the increase in the number of executives and with ever-increasing executive compensation. In addition, the extensive use of traveling nurses by the UVM Medical Center administration is not only costly, but diverts our healthcare dollars out of state rather than investing in Vermont nurses.

Nurses who are members of the Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals, AFT Vermont, have been negotiating a contract with the goal of safe staffing and of fully staffing the UVM Medical Center with nurses who live in our community. This not only benefits our community, but helps to reduce waste and control costs.

We stand with the union nurses at the UVM Medical Center in asking that the Green Mountain Care Board consider these issues at the hearing on August 23 and request that the GMCB not approve the networks budget until such time as there is an agreement between the administration and the nurses union.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CWeed".

Representative Cindy Weed

Representative Johanna Donovan

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