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The Honorable Kitty Toll, Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Vermont State House
Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Madam Chair and Committee Members,

I write to explain our budget recommendation for the Green Mountain Care Board. I understand your committee listened to testimony earlier this week that may have been misleading.

The GMCB FY19 Governor's Recommendation reflects the GMCB's full budget request, less a \$75,000 General Fund reduction to be applied to vacancy savings. The reduction reflected the Administration's analysis that the GMCB's size and staff turnover would allow it to absorb the reduction without affecting its mission. Our budget decision was not tied to the elimination of any specific positions. The GMCB's decision to hold certain positions vacant, or eliminate any positions, to manage this reduction is entirely at its own discretion.

We are aware the GMCB made reductions in Global Commitment funds beyond the \$75,000 General Fund targeted reduction. This was not our decision nor was it at our direction. We would point out that any decision on Global Commitment funds should be reconciled with the Agency of Human Services and its Section B.301 (AHS Global Commitment) appropriation.

Sincerely,

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

Adam Greshin

cc: Mr. Kevin Mullin, Chair, GMCB