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Chair Lippert and Reps. Houghton and Donahue:

Thank you for your hard work. Per your request – the HCA, VAHHS and GMCB offer the following:

As part of any future proceedings to establish or enforce hospitals' fiscal year 2022 or 2023 budgets, the Green Mountain Care Board shall consider hospitals' extraordinary labor costs and investments, as well as the impacts of those costs and investments on the affordability of health care.

If you have any questions or need testimony, I am available. GMCB has decided to postpone our 1:00 pm meeting today until Friday at noon as our staff member doing the presentation is dealing with Covid sickness. Currently, despite working remotely over 10% of the GMCB team has Covid. We have a young staff and most of the illness has been brought home from daycare or school. Fortunately, no hospitalizations at this point.

All the best,

**Kevin Mullin, Chair**

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