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Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street, Suite 4
Montpelier, VT 05602

RE: Case No. 19-3272-PET

On behalf of Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, I am writing in support of the 2021-2040 Efficiency Vermont Comprehensive Demand Resources Proposal, Case 19-3272-PET. The plan seeks to continue Efficiency Vermont's efforts on behalf of Vermont businesses and individuals. It's specific focus on greenhouse gas reductions ties directly to reduced energy consumption. As a non-profit healthcare provider, we support a healthy environment as a matter of corporate stewardship consistent with our goal of building a healthier community. Reduced energy consumption translates into cost savings for the organization and consumers. The positive impact of Efficiency Vermont's work in this regard is illustrated in Mt. Ascutney's own experience over the past several years.

Since 2012, Mt. Ascutney has made a continued series of investments in replacing and upgrading mechanical systems that had been maintained well past their normal serviceable lives. Throughout that process, which is still ongoing, Efficiency Vermont has acted as an independent expert to help guide us towards the most efficient mechanical and control system solutions. As a direct result of this partnership, Mt. Ascutney achieved Energy Star status with an initial score of 85 and is on its way towards achieving even higher scores in the future. Additionally, our electrical usage has dropped by 27% during this time. We could not have accomplished this without the support and incentives from Efficiency Vermont.

As a healthcare organization that serves a high proportion of elders and families on fixed or limited incomes, we also fully support Efficiency Vermont's commitment to Vermont households. The expertise and incentives provided by Efficiency Vermont helps these households make the most of precious family resources while improving their quality of life and health. As part of our sustainability commitment at Mt. Ascutney, we have been able to connect our employee's and the community with Efficiency Vermont through various promotions and in connection with special events. We hope to be able to continue this important work in the future along with our Energy Star goals.

Thank you for considering the above in support of Efficiency Vermont's 2021-2040 Plan.

Respectfully,



Paul Calandrella
Chief Operating Officer