

August 5, 2015

Al Gobeille  
Chair, Green Mountain Care Board  
89 Main Street, Third Floor, City Center  
Montpelier, Vermont 05620

Dear Mr. Gobeille,

I am writing on behalf of Seventh Generation, Inc., a company reknown for making household and baby care products that are both healthy and environmentally safe for all. We are a company that takes tremendous pride in providing not only our consumers with healthy product choices, but do a great deal to ensure our very own employees have access to proper care and coverage for the health of themselves and families. Which is the reason for my letter. We are writing in support of the Certificate of Need application to establish a freestanding ambulatory surgery center in Chittenden County owned and operated by local independent physicians.

As a company that is always striving to offer the best healthcare and wellness programs for our employee's, we believe that having choices when it comes to access to healthcare is essential. As you aware, currently in VT we simply do not have choices when it comes to hospital care unless one chooses to go out of state. We believe that opening an Ambulatory Surgery Center will not only offer choice but could significantly reduce the cost of healthcare for our employees. Most of our employees are on a high deductible plan so being able to shop for best care and rates are very important.

We very much support our local hospital but also believe that there is room for choice. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and we look forward to hearing the outcome of this proposal.

Sincerely,



Christina Lavigne  
HR Generalist – Benefits Administrator  
Seventh Generation

