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The Honorable Debra Heffernan **Delaware General Assembly** 411 Legislative Ave. Dover, DE 19901

The Honorable Laura Sturgeon **Delaware General Assembly** 411 Legislative Ave. Dover, DE 19901

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Dear Representative Heffernan and Senator Sturgeon,

The Delaware Healthcare Association, representing Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, is pleased to support House Bill 382.

Ensuring access to care is one of DHA's top advocacy priorities for 2024. HB 382 requires that public school students receive a vision screening in kindergarten and appropriate intervals in grades 1 through 12. Vision screenings are important to detect visual disorders in children that otherwise may go undetected. Offering these screenings in school helps to ensure equitable access to these important screenings.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for HB 382. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

Brian Frazee President & CEO

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