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*Brian Frazee*  
President & CEO

The Honorable Nicole Poore  
Delaware General Assembly  
411 Legislative Ave.  
Dover, DE 19901

*Beebe Healthcare*  
David A. Tam,  
MD, MBA  
President & CEO  
DHA Board Chair

Dear Senator Poore,

The Delaware Healthcare Association, representing Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, appreciates the opportunity to comment on House Bill 432.

*ChristianaCare*  
Janice E. Nevin,  
MD, MPH  
President & CEO  
DHA Board Vice Chair

Strengthening Delaware's healthcare workforce is one of DHA's top advocacy priorities for 2024. The Delaware Institute of Medical Education Research (DIMER) is critical to this goal. DIMER helps to secure slots for Delawareans at nearby medical schools, Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University of Philadelphia, PA, and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). HB 432 makes changes to the code relating to DIMER, including updating the composition of the DIMER Board. DHA supports that the DIMER Board will now include representation from each of Delaware's adult and pediatric general acute care hospitals as a result of HB 432.

*Bayhealth*  
Terry Murphy  
President & CEO  
DHA Board Secretary &  
Treasurer

Delaware's hospitals and health systems have all invested in graduate medical education programs, or residency programs, to train doctors once they finish medical school. This year alone, these programs are bringing [over 200 doctors](#) to the state to do their residencies at Delaware hospitals and health systems. Since a majority of physicians tend to practice near where they are trained, these programs help increase the supply of medical providers in our state. A strong partnership between DIMER and Delaware hospitals helps ensure more Delawareans are able to go to medical school and are then brought back to Delaware to train and practice.

*Nemours Children's Health*  
Mark Marcantano  
President  
Delaware Valley  
Operations

Finally, we appreciate the efforts of the bill sponsors to make clear that HB 432 is not intended to prohibit a future Delaware medical school, nor is it intended to weigh in on that debate.

*TidalHealth Nanticoke*  
Penny Short, MSM, BSN,  
RN  
President

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's comments on HB 432.

*Saint Francis Hospital*  
James Woodward  
President & CEO  
Trinity Health Mid-Atlantic Region

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Frazee'.

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President & CEO  
Delaware Healthcare Association

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Brian W. Frazee  
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