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*Megan Williams, DNP,  
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Interim CEO*

The Honorable Kyle Evans Gay  
411 Legislative Ave.  
Dover, DE 19901

**RE: Support for 106, Maternal Mental Health**

Dear Senator Gay,

*Nemours Children's  
Health  
Mark Mumford,  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Executive,  
Nemours Delaware  
Valley Operations*

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 106. The Delaware Healthcare Association supports this bill.

*Bayhealth  
Terry Murphy,  
President & CEO*

SB 106 modernizes and expands the concept of maternal mental health by replacing the definition of maternal depression with perinatal mood and anxiety disorder. This Act also avoids use of gender-based pronouns – an important clarification as all caregivers can develop peripartum mood disorders, even fathers or a co-parent. Delaware hospitals will continue to prioritize the mental health of parents, as it's critical to their overall health and the health of their children.

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. DHA supports SB 106 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

*ChristianaCare  
Janice E. Nevin,  
MD, MPH  
President & CEO*

Sincerely,

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Megan Williams'.

*Saint Francis Hospital  
Christopher Cullom,  
MSHA, MBA  
President, Saint Francis  
Hospital*

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*DHA represents hospitals and health care delivery systems in Delaware and provides policy and advocacy leadership in creating an excellent environment to support our members in helping every Delawarean to be as healthy as they can be.*