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The Honorable Melissa Minor-Brown Delaware General Assembly 411 Legislative Ave. Dover, DE 19904

Dear Representative Minor-Brown,

The Delaware Healthcare Association, representing Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, is pleased to support House Bill 345.

Advancing health equity is one of DHA's top advocacy priorities for 2024. Doulas can help bridge gaps in health literacy and improve health equity. Studies have shown that doulas can have a positive impact on the health outcomes of mothers and their babies and that postpartum doula support is associated with improved maternal mental health. DHA supports HB 345 to increase postpartum access to doula services when recommended by a clinician.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for HB 345. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

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