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The Honorable Cyndie Romer 411 Legislative Ave. Dover, DE 19901

## RE: Support for House Bill 60, Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnostic Procedures

Dear Representative Romer,

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

Bayhealth
Terry Murphy,
President & CEO

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

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

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

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

Delaware Healthcare Association Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C, FAANP Interim CEO Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 60, relating to breast cancer screening and diagnostic procedures. The Delaware Healthcare Association is pleased to support this legislation.

HB 60 requires that all insurance policies issued or renewed in this State include coverage of supplemental and diagnostic breast examinations on terms that are at least as favorable as the coverage of annual screening mammograms.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women. Unfortunately, the incidence rate for breast cancer is higher in Delaware than the national average. Early detection is critical to saving lives and reducing treatment costs. Yet, without adequate health coverage, many women may skip screenings or diagnostic procedures that could ultimately be lifesaving due to the cost of such care. DHA supports HB 60 as an additional step to ensure access to important preventative care.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. DHA supports HB 60 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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Interim CEO

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.