

Wayne A. Smith President & CEO March 8, 2021

The Honorable Darius J. Brown 411 Legislative Avenue Dover, DE 19901

RE: Support for SB 32

Dear Senator Brown,

Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children 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 Healthcare Brandon S. Harvath, President & COO

Wilmington Veterans Affairs Medical Center Vincent Kane Director

Delaware Healthcare Association Wayne A. Smith President & CEO Thank you for being the lead sponsor of Senate Bill 32 to amend the Delaware Code relating to discrimination. The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) strongly supports this legislation.

Delaware law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race in a variety of settings. SB 32 makes clear that race also includes traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and a protective hairstyle, which includes braids, locks, and twists. The Delaware Healthcare Association is pleased to support this bill and we believe it adds protections that will benefit all who call our state home.

Thank you again for being the lead sponsor of SB 32. We look forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely.

Wayne A. Smith President & CEO

DHA represents hospitals and health care delivery systems in Delaware and advocates for policies that create an environment enabling every Delawarean to be as healthy as they can be.