



April 15, 2019

*Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO*

The Honorable Kimberly Williams
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

Ref: HB 102 Human Trafficking

Dear Representative Williams,

*Alfred I. duPont Hospital
for Children
Roy Proujansky, MD,
Chief Executive of
Nemours Delaware
Valley Operations*

Thank you for being the lead House sponsor on HB 102 to amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code relating to crimes. The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) applauds your leadership in addressing human trafficking in Delaware.

*Bayhealth
Terry Murphy,
President & CEO*

DHA represents hospitals and health care delivery systems in Delaware and advocates for policies that create an environment for enabling every Delawarean to be as healthy as they can be. HB 102 allows a person who is arrested or convicted of any crime, except a violent felony, which was a direct result of being a victim of human trafficking to file an application for a pardon or expungement or make a motion to vacate judgment. This bill also adds locations where a public awareness sign must be placed. Delaware hospitals and health care delivery systems are dedicated to addressing human trafficking, and many are already posting human trafficking awareness signs at their facilities.

*Beebe Healthcare
Rick Schaffner, RN
Interim President & CEO*

*Christiana Care Health
System
Janice E. Nevin, M.D.
MPH
President & CEO*

Studies have shown that as many as 88% of human trafficking victims came into contact with a health care professional during the period when they were being trafficked. Since health care providers are on the front lines of this issue, hospitals and health care delivery systems in Delaware have come together to fight back against human trafficking. As you may know, DHA's Human Trafficking Medical Committee has been working diligently to develop recommendations for hospitals to implement that will help health care providers identify the signs of human trafficking in the health care setting and contact the appropriate resources to assist victims. The committee will be releasing these recommendations next month and will continue to work together with state partners to implement best practices in addressing human trafficking in Delaware.

*Nanticoke Health Services
Steven A. Rose, RN, MN
President & CEO*

*Saint Francis Healthcare
Daniel Sinnott
President & CEO*

*Delaware Healthcare
Association
Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO*

DHA appreciates your leadership in introducing HB 102 and looks forward to continuing to work with you and the members of the General Assembly to address human trafficking in Delaware.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wayne A. Smith'.

Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO