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The Honorable William J. Carson Delaware General Assembly 411 Legislative Ave. Dover, DE 19901

Beebe Healthcare
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DHA Board Chair

Dear Representative Carson,

ChristianaCare
Janice E. Nevin,
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and related healthcare organizations, is pleased to support House Bill 404.

Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases have increased in recent years. The CDC

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estimates that approximately 476,000 Americans are diagnosed and treated for Lyme disease every year with hundreds of confirmed cases here in Delaware. HB 404 seeks to help protect public health by creating a Lyme disease intervention fund to reduce the prevalence of and potential for contracting Lyme disease in our state.

The Delaware Healthcare Association, representing Delaware's hospitals, health systems,

Nemours Children's Health

Mark Marcantano President Delaware Valley Operations Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for HB 404. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

TidalHealth Nanticoke
Penny Short, MSM, BSN,
RN
President

Sincerely,

Saint Francis Hospital
James Woodward
President & CEO
Trinity Health MidAtlantic Region

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