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The Honorable David Bentz
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Ref: Support HB 172

Dear Representative Bentz,

Thank you for being the lead House sponsor on House Bill 172 to amend Title 24 of the Delaware Code creating a Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact. The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) is pleased to support this legislation.

HB 172 joins Delaware to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), an interstate compact designed to facilitate the practice of telepsychology and the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across state boundaries. PSYPACT has already been enacted in seven states. HB 172 is designed to increase access to professional psychological services. DHA fully supports licensure compacts for health care providers to ease recruitment of and increase access to qualified providers, particularly as the demand for providers increases with Delaware's growing and increasingly aging population.

DHA is pleased to support HB 172 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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

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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.