



June 11, 2024

*Brian Frazee*  
President & CEO

The Honorable Eric Buckson  
Delaware General Assembly  
411 Legislative Ave.  
Dover, DE 19901

*Beebe Healthcare*  
David A. Tam,  
MD, MBA  
President & CEO  
DHA Board Chair

Dear Senator Buckson,

The Delaware Healthcare Association, representing Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, opposes SB 273 relating to raw milk.

*ChristianaCare*  
Janice E. Nevin,  
MD, MPH  
President & CEO  
DHA Board Vice Chair

DHA is concerned that in legalizing the sale and distribution of raw milk for human consumption, Delawareans will be at greater risk for serious illness and hospitalization. Raw milk, or milk that has not been pasteurized, can expose consumers to bacteria such as E. coli, Listeria, and Salmonella. Children, pregnant individuals, adults over age 65, and those with weakened immune systems, are at a higher risk of serious illness from these germs.

*Bayhealth*  
Terry Murphy  
President & CEO  
DHA Board Secretary &  
Treasurer

Should SB 273 advance, DHA respectfully requests that public health and infectious disease professionals be involved in the regulatory process to ensure this program is implemented as safely as possible. DHA also requests that the raw milk labels be required to include language warning of the health risks of consuming raw milk, particularly for those at greatest risk for serious illness.

*Nemours Children's Health*  
Mark Marcantano  
President  
Delaware Valley  
Operations

*TidalHealth Nanticoke*  
Penny Short, MSM, BSN,  
RN  
President

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's concerns with SB 273. We hope to work with you to protect the health of Delawareans.

*Saint Francis Hospital*  
James Woodward  
President & CEO  
Trinity Health Mid-  
Atlantic Region

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Frazee".

*Delaware Healthcare Association*  
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