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Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

The Honorable Nicole Poore
Senate Majority Leader
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

Ref: SB 60 Human Trafficking

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

Dear Senator Poore,

Thank you for being the lead Senate sponsor on SB 60 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 60 assists victims of human trafficking by clarifying that in order to be found guilty of prostitution the person must be 18 years or older.

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
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DHA appreciates your leadership in introducing SB 60 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

