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The Honorable John Walsh
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Ref: Support for SB 83

Dear Senator Walsh,

Thank you for being the lead Senate sponsor on Senate Bill 83 to amend Title 24 of the Delaware Code relating to the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) is pleased to support this legislation.

SB 83 adopts the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (“Compact”), which improves continuity of care and increases access to physical therapy providers. Under the Compact, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants licensed in a Compact member state may obtain an expedited license allowing licensees to practice in another Compact member state. DHA fully supports licensure compacts for health care providers to ease recruitment of qualified candidates, particularly as the demand for providers increases with Delaware’s growing and increasingly aging population.

DHA is pleased to support SB 83 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.