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The Honorable Bryan Townsend
Senator Majority Whip
Delaware General Assembly
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

Ref: Support for SB 122

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Dear Senator Townsend,

Thank you for being the lead Senate sponsor on SB 122, an Act to amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code relating to the Perinatal Quality Collaborative. The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) is pleased to support this legislation.

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. SB 122 creates the Delaware Perinatal Quality Collaborative (DPQC) to improve pregnancy outcomes for women and newborns and such issues as obstetrical blood loss management, pregnant women with substance use disorder, infants impacted by neonatal abstinence syndrome, and advancing evidence-based clinical practices and processes through quality care review, audit, and continuous quality improvement. DHA and its member health systems have been working with the existing Delaware Perinatal Cooperative to improve the health of mothers and infants in Delaware and look forward to being represented on the DPQC to continue to share information and implement best practices to achieve this goal.

DHA is pleased to support SB 122 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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