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Interim CEO

The Honorable Debra Heffernan
411 Legislative Ave.
Dover, DE 19901

RE: Support for HB 193, Concussion Policies

Dear Representative Heffernan,

Nemours Children's
Health
Mark Mumford,
Executive Vice President
Chief Executive,
Nemours Delaware
Valley Operations

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 193. The Delaware Healthcare Association supports this bill.

Bayhealth
Terry Murphy,
President & CEO

HB 193 adds the requirement for non-scholastic athletic activity organizations to develop policies and procedures for advising of the signs and symptoms of concussion and explaining the risk of continuing to practice or compete in athletic events or activities after sustaining a concussion, as well as providing information about returning to academic and athletic events or activities. Recognizing a concussion is critical to allow the necessary healing time and prevent health complications that may result from returning to the sport too soon and receiving another head injury before the initial concussion has healed.

Beebe Healthcare
David A. Tam,
MD, MBA,
President & CEO

We would also support the addition of language in the bill making it clear that the health-care providers that can be trained in the evaluation of and care for concussions may include Physician Assistants and Advance Practice Nurse Practitioners.

ChristianaCare
Janice E. Nevin,
MD, MPH
President & CEO

TidalHealth Nanticoke
Penny Short, MSM, BSN,
RN
President & CEO

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. DHA is pleased to support HB 193 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

Saint Francis Hospital
Christopher Cullom,
MSHA, MBA
President, Saint Francis
Hospital

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Megan Williams'.

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DHA represents hospitals and health care delivery systems in Delaware and provides policy and advocacy leadership in creating an excellent environment to support our members in helping every Delawarean to be as healthy as they can be.