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The Honorable Melissa Minor-Brown
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Dear Representative Minor-Brown and Senator Lockman,

The Delaware Healthcare Association, representing Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, is pleased to support House Bill 362.

Ensuring access to care and advancing health equity are two of DHA's top advocacy priorities for 2024. Studies have shown that doulas can have a positive impact on the health outcomes of mothers and their babies. For example, doula-assisted mothers were four times less likely to have a low birth-weight baby, two times less likely to experience a birth complication involving themselves or their baby, and significantly more likely to initiate breastfeeding than those who elected not to work with a doula. Furthermore, doulas can help bridge gaps in health literacy and improve health equity. DHA supports HB 362 to increase access to doula services.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for HB 362. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Frazee' in a cursive script.

Brian Frazee
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