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The Honorable Bryan Townsend
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Ref: Support SS 1 for SB 116

Dear Senator Townsend,

We appreciate your working with us and other stakeholders in fashioning Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 116, which would amend Title 16 and Title 18 of the Delaware Code relating to the Primary Care Reform Collaborative and the Creation of the Office of Value-Based Health Care Delivery.

SB 116 expands the membership of the Primary Care Reform Collaborative and creates an Office of Value-Based Health Care Delivery in the Department of Insurance which would examine ways to reduce health care costs by increasing the availability of high quality, cost-efficient health insurance products that have stable, predictable, and affordable rates. A large and broad stakeholder group will participate in the discussion as members of the collaborative under your bill. We appreciate your leadership in engaging stakeholders in the process. Allowing for the collection of data and additional stakeholder feedback to inform the Primary Care Collaborative's ongoing work and the work of the new Office of Value-Based Health care Delivery will have a positive impact and move us closer to our ultimate goal of improving access to primary care for all Delawareans.

DHA is pleased to support SS 1 for SB 116 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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