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Dear Senator Gay,

The Honorable Kyle Evans Gay Delaware General Assembly 411 Legislative Ave. Dover, DE 19901

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Delaware Healthcare Association Brian W. Frazee President & CEO The Delaware Healthcare Association, representing Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, is pleased to support Senate Bill 309.

SB 309 adopts the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act of 2023 to address how health-care decisions can be made by or on behalf of individuals who lack capacity. This bill provides needed clarity for healthcare providers, patients, and their agents or surrogates, to ensure the best possible care for patients who are unable to make their own healthcare decisions. The law also reaffirms and modifies important provisions in the Delaware code relating to the ability of hospitals and other health care institutions to petition for the appointment of a guardian when needed.

Thank you for engaging with DHA on this important initiative. We appreciate that you have incorporated into Senate Amendment 1 DHA's request for additional time for implementation to ensure hospital policies can be updated to carry out the law as intended.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SB 309. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

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