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Megan Williams, DNP,
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Interim CEO

The Honorable Sarah McBride
411 Legislative Ave.
Dover, DE 19901

RE: Support for Senate Bill 80, Immigration Status for Licenses

Dear Senator McBride,

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 80. The Delaware Healthcare Association supports this bill.

Bayhealth
Terry Murphy,
President & CEO

SB 80 codifies the current practice in Delaware of not requiring proof of citizenship or a specific immigration status on an application for a professional license. DHA supports this bill as a step to encourage more Delawareans to pursue professional careers, including in the healthcare workforce.

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

The healthcare sector was already experiencing a workforce shortage prior to COVID-19, but the pandemic further exacerbated our workforce challenge as more workers left the profession. As our population ages, their healthcare needs will increase, and more caregivers will be needed than ever before. This is felt acutely in Delaware, as we are the 5th oldest state in the nation. Without policies and strategies to bring more workers into the pipeline, these challenges will only continue to get worse.

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

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. DHA supports SB 80 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

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

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.