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Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

The Honorable Melissa Minor-Brown
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

RE: Support for HB 21 APRN Compact

Dear Representative Minor-Brown,

Thank you for being the lead House sponsor of House Bill 21 to amend Title 24 of the Delaware Code relating to an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Compact. DHA supports this important bill.

HB 21 adopts the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact to improve continuity of care, increase license portability for APRNs, and increase access to APRN care. Under the Compact, APRNs licensed in a Compact member state may practice in another Compact member state. In adopting the Compact, the state-based licensure system is preserved but communication between states is enhanced. APRNs are an integral part of the health care workforce and HB 21 will further boost access to APRN care, including primary care. This is vital in light of a growing national and local primary care provider shortage and an increasingly aging population in our state.

DHA is pleased to support HB 21 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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