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Brian Frazee
President & CEO

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

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

Dear Senator Gay,

The Delaware Healthcare Association, representing Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, is pleased to support Senate Bill 309.

ChristianaCare
Janice E. Nevin,
MD, MPH
President & CEO
DHA Board Vice Chair

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.

Bayhealth
Terry Murphy
President & CEO
DHA Board Secretary &
Treasurer

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.

Nemours Children's Health
Mark Marcantano
President
Delaware Valley
Operations

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.

TidalHealth Nanticoke
Penny Short, MSM, BSN,
RN
President

Saint Francis Hospital
James Woodward
President & CEO
Trinity Health Mid-
Atlantic Region

Sincerely,

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

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