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

RE: DHA Support for the Completion of a Strategic Plan to Repurpose Underutilized State-Owned Building to Address Community Needs (HCR 144)

Dear Speaker Minor-Brown,

The Delaware Healthcare Association, on behalf of Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, is pleased to support House Concurrent Resolution 144, which directs the state to develop a framework outlining the process to repurpose underutilized properties to meet documented community needs.

Strengthening Delaware's healthcare workforce, ensuring access to care, and advancing health equity are DHA's top advocacy priorities for 2026, and HCR 144 represents a creative step toward advancing these priorities. By repurposing underutilized state buildings to meet community needs—including workforce training, behavioral health services, child care, and affordable housing—the State can take proactive measures to address critical gaps in its health and social infrastructure while also addressing key social determinants of health.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for HCR 144 and for your leadership on this important issue. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Christina Bryan'.

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