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

**RE: DHA Support for a Statewide Perinatal Mental Health Report (HCR 82)**

Dear Speaker Minor-Brown,

On behalf of Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, thank you for the opportunity to express the Delaware Healthcare Association's (DHA) support for HCR 82, which establishes the purpose and protocol for the creation of a comprehensive state of the state report on perinatal mental health in Delaware.

Ensuring access to care, maintaining high-quality healthcare services, and advancing health equity are among the Delaware Healthcare Association's (DHA) top advocacy priorities for 2026. HCR 82 supports these priorities by leading a coordinated, data-driven approach to understanding perinatal mental health needs, service gaps, workforce challenges, and outcome disparities that affect birthing individuals and families across Delaware.

We appreciate your leadership along with the Behavioral Health Consortium, in collaboration with key stakeholders, to gather the information necessary to continue to improve maternal and infant outcomes statewide.

Delaware's hospitals and health systems are committed partners in improving perinatal mental health care delivery and support. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue and for your continued commitment to maternal and behavioral health. DHA looks forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance HCR 82 and support improved perinatal mental health outcomes throughout Delaware.

Sincerely,

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

Christina Bryan  
Vice President of External Affairs