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The Honorable Marie Pinkney  
411 Legislative Ave  
Dover, DE 19901

**RE: DHA Comments on Social Worker Licensure Compact (SB 109)**

Dear Senator Pinkney,

On behalf of Delaware's hospitals and health systems, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of Senate Bill 109, which enters Delaware into the Social Work Licensure Compact, joining 24 other states including Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Ensuring healthcare access and strengthening the health care workforce are two of DHA top advocacy priorities for 2025. DHA has long been supportive of interstate licensure compacts which increase access to care by expanding opportunities for healthcare providers to serve patients in our state.

Social workers have diverse roles, particularly in the hospital setting. Social workers are a critical part of the healthcare team, providing counseling, connecting individuals with the next steps in their care plan, providing wrap-around resources and support, and assisting with discharge planning. They will continue to be an integral part of the healthcare workforce and need for their services will continue to increase as our population ages and grows.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SB 109. We appreciate your leadership on this issue and your commitment to strengthening Delaware's healthcare system. 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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