



January 26, 2026

**Brian Frazee**  
President & CEO

The Honorable Ray Seigfried  
411 Legislative Ave  
Dover, DE 19901

The Honorable Frank Burns  
411 Legislative Ave  
Dover, DE 19901

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

**RE: DHA Supportive Comments for DIDER Board Membership and Governance Updates (SB 191)**

**Bayhealth**  
Terry Murphy  
President & CEO  
DHA Board Vice-Chair

Dear Senator Seigfried and Representative Burns,

**TidalHealth Nanticoke**  
Penny Short, MSM, BSN, RN  
President  
DHA Board Secretary & Treasurer

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 Senate Bill 191, which updates the board membership and governance structure of the Delaware Institute for Dental Education and Research (DIDER).

**Beebe Healthcare**  
David A. Tam, MD, MBA  
President & CEO

Founded in 1981, DIDER has played a critical role in strengthening Delaware's dental workforce by providing residents with access to high-quality education and clinical training through the Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry. Strengthening the healthcare workforce and ensuring access to care are among the DHA's top advocacy priorities for 2026, and SB 191 aligns with these goals.

**Saint Francis Hospital**  
Marlow Levy, RN, MBA,  
FACHE  
President

By modernizing DIDER board composition, clarifying governance procedures, and incorporating additional clinical expertise—such as representation from ChristianaCare's General Practice Residency Program—this legislation ensures the DIDER board is well positioned to make informed decisions that support the program's long-term success. The bill's emphasis on board training and clarity around voting roles further strengthens transparency, accountability, and effective oversight.

**Nemours Children's Health**  
Laura Kowal, MPT, JD  
Interim President  
Delaware Valley Executive Vice  
President, General Council

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SB 191. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation and continue supporting Delaware's healthcare workforce.

**Delaware Healthcare Association**  
Brian W. Frazee  
President & CEO

Sincerely,

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

Christina Bryan  
Vice President of External Affairs