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The Honorable Bryan Townsend
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The Honorable Kerri Evelyn Harris
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RE: DHA Supporting Comments Hospital Budget Review (SB 213)

Dear Majority Leader Townsend and Majority Leader Harris,

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 213 as introduced. This legislation reflects the settlement agreement reached on House Bill 350 from the 152nd General Assembly and is the result of a thoughtful and deliberate process with ChristianaCare, DHA and its members, legislative leadership, and the Governor's Office.

SB 213 represents an important step forward in working together to address healthcare affordability, while continuing to prioritize access, quality and our healthcare workforce. Throughout the HB 350 debate, we have shared the same goals as policymakers - to ensure transparency and accountability to help drive affordable healthcare for all Delawareans - and this legislation allows us to move forward together.

SB 213 ensures transparency and accountability to help drive affordability. The legislation maintains the Diamond State Hospital Cost Review Board, requires Delaware hospitals to provide an unprecedented level of financial transparency to the Board, and holds hospitals accountable to the healthcare spending benchmark. The bill also includes incentives for hospitals to substantially increase their commitment to strategies that make care more affordable, including value-based care and population health approaches that drive down costs by maximizing quality and efficiency.

In addition to this legislation, DHA and Delaware hospitals remain actively engaged in meaningful discussions with the state on how we can enhance value-based care efforts together and are committed to moving this forward. We continue to believe that there are opportunities to improve both affordability and health outcomes through the engagement of the entire healthcare system, not just hospitals.



DHA and our members appreciate your leadership in sponsoring this legislation. Thank you for the opportunity to express DHA's support for Senate Bill 213. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to make the First State First in Health.

Sincerely,

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

Brian Frazee
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