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The Honorable Marie Pinkney
411 Legislative Ave
Dover, DE 19901

RE: DHA Supportive Comments for Terminally Ill Patients using Medical Marijuana in Hospitals (SB 226)

Dear Senator Pinkney,

On behalf of Delaware's hospitals and health systems, thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 226, also known as Ryan's Law.

DHA supports the intent of Ryan's law that seeks to ensure terminally ill patients with a valid medical marijuana card may choose to continue to use medical marijuana while seeking care in a hospital setting. At the same time, allowing medical marijuana use in the hospital setting, even limited to those with terminal illness, can create operational and compliance challenges as we discussed previously.

With that in mind, we greatly appreciate your collaborative approach in working together with DHA and our hospital members on changes that have been reflected in SB 226. Through that collaboration, key safeguards were included in the bill that help to satisfy the operational and compliance challenges we raised, such as liability protections, the ability for hospital systems to discontinue participation if there is federal scrutiny, and discretion to prohibit use when medical marijuana could negatively impact a patient's care. The bill also appropriately places responsibility for handling and administering the medication on patients and their caregivers.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SB 226 and for your leadership and collaboration 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'.

Christina Bryan
Vice President of External Affairs