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The Honorable Marie Pinkney
411 Legislative Ave
Dover, DE 19901

RE: DHA Supportive Comments on Substance Use Harm Reduction (SB 249)

Dear Senator Pinkney,

On behalf of Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organization, the Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) is pleased to support Senate Bill 249, which establishes a comprehensive framework for substance use harm reduction in Delaware.

Advancing health equity is one of DHA's top advocacy priorities for 2026, and SB 249 is a meaningful step in addressing this priority. Creating a safe harm reduction program can help reduce the risk of infections and increase access to healthcare for those who might otherwise avoid traditional care pathways. Reducing stigma and legal penalties in these spaces can also help build trust with providers and lead to more engagement with healthcare providers. The services highlighted in this bill will better connect individuals to care, treatment programs, and recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SB 249 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