



May 19, 2026

The Honorable Spiros Mantzavinos
411 Legislative Ave
Dover, DE 19901

RE: DHA Support for the Protection of Nonprofit Acute Care Hospitals (SB 313)

Dear Senator Mantzavinos,

The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) on behalf of Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, is pleased to support Senate Bill 313, which aims to protect nonprofit acute care hospitals from acquisition by for-profit entities.

Delaware is unique in that all our acute care hospitals are nonprofit. As nonprofit hospitals, our members open their doors 24/7/365 to all who enter regardless of ability to pay. Our nonprofit acute care hospitals are vital institutions that provide essential medical services, particularly for vulnerable and underserved populations. At the same time, Delaware hospitals are facing tremendous headwinds. We have a uniquely growing and aging population that needs access to more healthcare. We will see higher uninsured populations in our Emergency Departments with upcoming federal policy changes, and we are being challenged to do more with less. SB 313 provides important temporary safeguards to protect Delaware's hospital systems from acquisition by for-profit organizations, notably private equity entities, which might limit or dismantle hospitals' ability to provide care.

We greatly appreciate your collaboration – along with Governor Meyer and his team – with DHA and our hospital members over the past several months on SB 313. DHA looks forward to ongoing collaboration during the two-year moratorium to develop long-term solutions that place appropriate safeguards on private equity involvement in healthcare and prioritizes healthcare access for all Delawareans.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SB 313 and for your leadership on this important issue. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation. Sincerely,

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

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