



March 18, 2025

The Honorable Bryant Richardson  
411 Legislative Ave  
Dover, DE 19901

**RE: DHA Comments on Gender Transition Procedures (SB 55)**

Dear Senator Richardson,

On behalf of Delaware's hospitals and health systems, thank you for the opportunity to offer our comments for Senate Bill 55, also known as the Delaware Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act.

SB 55 aims to prohibit gender transition surgery for children, prohibits the use of public funds and insurance coverage for gender transition surgery for children and includes discipline of a healthcare professionals who provides or refers a child for care.

DHA is concerned that SB 55 would seek to penalize and discipline healthcare professionals for providing or referring a patient to gender-affirming care. Physicians should have the ability to provide care within their scope of training and refer patients in need to those with expertise in the field without a fear of punishment.

Healthcare professionals have a due diligence to provide appropriate care, including gender affirming care, to their patients when found medically necessary, and this bill would prohibit these professionals from doing this work.

DHA is opposed to SB 55 and encourages the general assembly to not release this bill from committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 55.

Sincerely,

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

Christina Bryan  
Vice President, External and Governmental Affairs