



June 16, 2026

The Honorable Nnamdi Chukwuocha  
411 Legislative Ave  
Dover, DE 19901

**RE: DHA Support for Senate Substitute 2 for Senate Bill 1**

Dear Representative Chukwuocha,

The Delaware Healthcare Association, on behalf of Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and healthcare related organizations, is pleased to support Senate Substitute 2 for Senate Bill 1.

This amended legislation supports primary care and addresses affordability while also recognizing the significant headwinds facing hospitals and Delaware's unique care needs as a growing and aging state. DHA and our members appreciate the collaborative leadership that you, Senator Townsend, and the Delaware Department of Insurance demonstrated on this important issue.

Delaware hospitals recognize that the status quo is unacceptable and we are leading the way with collaborative solutions. SS 2 for SB 1 is on the heels of DHA-supported SB 213, which lays the foundation for a new regulatory framework being implemented by the Diamond State Hospital Cost Review Board, providing unprecedented hospital financial transparency and accountability to the state's healthcare spending benchmark. Additionally, DHA continues to actively meet with state leaders to enhance value-based care in Delaware and during this legislative session we've supported legislation to enhance hospital charity care policies and address private equity at nonprofit hospitals.

Delaware has a uniquely growing and aging population that requires greater access to healthcare services. At the same time, our hospitals are preparing for increased uninsured patient volumes in their emergency departments as a result of upcoming federal policy changes while continuing to face significant financial and operational pressures. We are being asked to do more with less at both the federal and state levels. DHA and our members are committed to being part of the solution. Furthermore, other healthcare sectors, particularly payers and pharmaceuticals, need to do their part as well so we can move Delaware forward together.

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Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SS 2 for SB 1 and for your leadership on this important issue. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation and continue progress 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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