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The Honorable Bryan Shupe 411 Legislative Avenue Dover, DE 19901

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Delaware Healthcare Association Wayne A. Smith President & CEO Ref: Support for HB 58

Dear Representative Shupe,

Thank you for being the lead House sponsor on HB 58 to amend Title 14 of the Delaware Code related to the Delaware Nursing Incentive Program. The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) is pleased to support this legislation.

DHA represents hospitals and health care delivery systems in Delaware and advocates for policies that create an environment for enabling every Delawarean to be as healthy as they can be. HB 58 will increase the numbers of Delaware nursing students eligible for the nursing incentive program by allowing Delawareans pursuing nursing careers at non-profit hospitals located in Delaware to be eligible for the program. With a national nursing shortage and an increasingly aging population in Delaware, the demand for nurses will continue to increase. This bill will increase the pipeline of nurses coming to Delaware and address the growing nursing shortage.

DHA is pleased to support HB 58 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Smith President & CEO

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