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The Honorable Debra Heffernan 411 Legislative Avenue Dover, DE 19901

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Delaware Healthcare Association Wayne A. Smith President & CEO **RE: Support for HB 320**

Representative Heffernan,

We are pleased to inform you that our association has taken a position of support in favor of House Bill 320. This is an important scope of practice issue that will increase access to care for those seeking health services.

HB 320 allows physician assistants (PAs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to prescribe certain medication including Mifeprex, Mifepristone, and Misoprostol. DHA supports the ability of PAs and APRNs to practice to the fullest extent of their licenses. Prescribing medications is within the scope of practice of PAs and APRNs and as such, we support this legislation as an important recognition of the ability of those two license categories to safely care for patients utilizing their prescriptive authority.

DHA is pleased to support HB 320 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

CC: Members of the Senate Legislative Oversight & Sunset Meeting

DHA represents hospitals and health care delivery systems in Delaware and provides policy and advocacy leadership in creating an excellent environment to support our members in helping every Delawarean to be as healthy as they can be.