



June 8, 2022

Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

The Honorable Sarah McBride
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

RE: Support for SB 300

Dear Senator McBride,

*Nemours Children's
Health, Delaware*
Mark Mumford,
Executive Vice President
Chief Executive,
Nemours Delaware
Valley Operations

Thank you for introducing Senate Bill 300, addressing physician mental health. The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) strongly supports this bill.

Bayhealth
Terry Murphy,
President & CEO

Our physicians, nurses and other health care workers have been on the front lines leading the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic for more than two years now. The pace and intensity of the pandemic has impacted our health care workforce. A study reported by the National Academy of Medicine shows that between 35% and 54% of clinicians report at least one symptom of burnout. Furthermore, physicians have higher rates of depression, suicide, and suicidal ideation than the general population.

Beebe Healthcare
David A. Tam,
MD, MBA,
President & CEO

House Bill 300 seeks to address current barriers that may prevent physicians from seeking care for anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges by updating mandatory reporting requirements. These changes would ensure that physicians are able to seek treatment without undue stigma or fear of loss of medical licensure.

ChristianaCare
Janice E. Nevin,
MD, MPH
President & CEO

DHA is pleased to support SB 300 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

TidalHealth Nanticoke
Penny Short, MSM, BSN,
RN
President & CEO

Saint Francis Healthcare
James Woodward
Acting President

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wayne A. Smith'.

Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

*Wilmington Veterans
Affairs Medical Center*
Vincent Kane
Director

*Delaware Healthcare
Association*
Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

CC: Members of the Senate Health & Social Services Committee

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.

