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Senator Harris McDowell
DE General Assembly
Legislative Hall
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Senator McDowell;

Nemours Children's Health System

Nemours Children's Health System expresses its full support for Senate Bill 65.

Nemours/Alfred I. duPont
Hospital for Children

Our providers see children and adolescents who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT), and we have a responsibility to talk to these patients and their families about supported treatment modalities. Many families come to us specifically seeking affirmative treatment because they are aware that conversion therapy can be harmful.

Nemours BrightStart

Nemours CareConnect

Nemours Center for
Children's Health Media

We take our responsibility to our LGBT patients and families very seriously. In 2012 Nemours established an Office of Health Equity and Inclusion and has earned top marks in meeting non-discrimination and training criteria that demonstrate its commitment to equitable, inclusive care for LGBT patients, and their families, who can face significant challenges in securing the quality health care and respect they deserve. And in 2016, Nemours/Alfred I. du Pont for Children was recognized for the second time as a "Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality" by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation, the educational arm of the country's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization.

Nemours Children's Clinic

Nemours Children's Hospital

Nemours Children's Primary Care

Nemours Children's Specialty Care

Our position in support of Senate Bill 65 is consistent with the opinion of esteemed groups such as the American Psychological Association, as outlined in its Resolution on Appropriate Affirmative Responses to Sexual Orientation Distress and Change Efforts (<http://www.apa.org/about/policy/sexual-orientation.aspx>).

Nemours Children's Urgent Care

Nemours duPont Pediatrics

Nemours Estate

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Nemours Fund for
Children's Health

Nemours Health &
Prevention Services

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