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Dear Ms. Booker,

This letter is on behalf of Representatives and Senators from New Castle County that have deep concerns surrounding the recent cuts of School-Based Health Center services to schools throughout New Castle County as outlined in your letter dated May 10th, 2023.

We have received several letters from school nurses in multiple districts that the lack of these critical services will have a drastic impact on families and students. We also have learned that these cuts were made without discussion with the Division of Public Health and the school districts. Discussions with the Division of Public Health and school districts are essential when significant changes are being proposed to school-based health center operations. These changes represent a step back as we have worked to preserve and increase access to comprehensive service and coordinate care for these students, particularly for vulnerable populations.

School-based health centers represent a collaboration between local and community-driven partners such as community-based health services, local school districts, and the Division of Public Health that strives to support the physical and behavioral health needs of students.

We hope you would maintain this partnership by further engaging in discussions on how these services will be impacted and possible ways that they can be preserved. With many of our constituents and their families impacted by these cuts, we hope that the determination regarding these changes will be reversed and that we will be updated about this process as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

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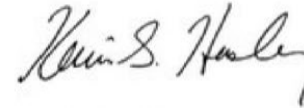
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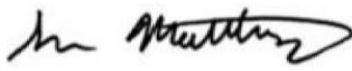
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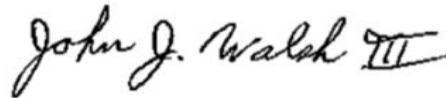
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