MEMORANDUM

DATE:     May 24, 2018

TO:       All Members of the Delaware State Senate
           and House of Representatives

FROM:     Ms. Jamie Wolfe, Chairperson
           State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE:       HB 401 Exempting FDA Approved Medications from Controlled Substances Schedule)

The proposed legislation Reported Out of the House Health & Human Development Committee on Committee on 5/9/18. HB 401 seeks to exempt federally lawful FDA approved marijuana containing products from Schedule I of the state Controlled Substances Act. This is being proposed in anticipation of FDA approval of drugs using cannabidiol in the treatment of certain pediatric seizure disorders. Taking such medications off Schedule I will hasten access to the medications once approved and available. This will also improve access to other similar medications that may be approved in the future.

The SCPD is endorsing this measure to improve access to effective treatments for serious pediatric seizure disorders.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions regarding our position on the proposed legislation.

cc:       Ms. Laura Waterland, Esq.
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