

Dear RISE Delaware supporters:

Apologies for the lengthy email message! Thank you to Rep. Paul Baumbach for sharing his insights last night into the legislative process and how best to communicate with legislators. Also, many thanks to those of you who participated in the Facebook Live Stream with Rep. Paul Baumbach and me. Here is the link to the recording of the event which can also be accessed on Rep. Baumbach's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/mGr3z-vEm-E>

As you know, Rep. Baumbach has introduced HB 281 and 282 and they are now in the House Administration Committee. The General Assembly is holding budget hearings at this time, so these bills will not be heard until at least March. That gives us time to make our voices heard in support of the legislation.

As discussed, it is helpful for you to do several things:

1. Take a look at the legislation and check and see if your State Representative and Senator are among the list of sponsors. If they are, take a minute to thank them for their support. If they are not, send them a cordial message telling them why you think that they should support HB 281 and 282.
2. If you are living out of state, you can email the members of the House Administration Committee and the Governor expressing support for the bills. Be sure to explain your background (years as a state employee, teacher, higher education) and that you are receiving your medical care through the State of Delaware retiree health care supplemental as part of your letter to help the reader understand why you are concerned about the legislation. Rep. Baumbach also suggested that you could email the Representative or Senator representing your former community or even the place (a school, for example) where you worked.
3. You can find a copy of the bills here by entering the number of the bill at the upper right side of the screen:

<https://legis.delaware.gov/AllLegislation>

The email addresses for legislators appear to have disappeared from the General Assembly website and have been replaced with forms for you to fill out. The Biden Center at the University of Delaware, however, has published a great resource with lists of General Assembly and many other elected official's email addresses. The links from the Biden Center are below the email addresses of the members of the House Administration Committee.

Governor Carney: John.Carney@delaware.gov

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152nd General Assembly (Present)

Members (5)

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Where you can find email addresses for State elected officials:

<https://www.bidenschool.udel.edu/ipa/people/delaware-municipal-officials/statewide-elected-officials>

<https://www.bidenschool.udel.edu/ipa/people/delaware-municipal-officials/state-senators>

<https://www.bidenschool.udel.edu/ipa/people/delaware-municipal-officials/state-representatives>

All the best,

Lisa Diller

President, RISE Delaware

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