

**Support -- HB 1147, The Accessible to All Act**  
**Economic Matters Committee**  
**March 3, 2020**

- Good morning, my name is Derek Hilley and I am the Manager of Tsunami Annapolis here on West Street.
- About four or five years ago, before the publicity about gender-neutral bathrooms became a “thing,” the owners made the decision to take our single-stall restrooms at our Tsunami Annapolis restaurant from Male to Female to unisex M/F.
- We changed the sign and never heard a word from a single person.
- The restaurant group that owns Tsunami also owns Lemongrass Modern Thai Cuisine and Market House.
- The restroom at Lemongrass in Arnold has always been gender neutral.
- At Market House and Lemongrass Annapolis, the bathrooms are multi-stalled and so the owners have left them gendered.
- In my experience, there is no downside to make single-commode bathrooms unisex.
- Our customers are very comfortable with unisex bathrooms and just treat it like business as usual.
- No customer has ever approached us to complain about our restrooms signs.
- I think the signs make it easier for women, parents with young kids and those with disabilities. I think it is a good business decision.
- I urge your support of The Accessible to All Act. The owners of Lemongrass, Tsunami, and Market House have submitted a letter of support for the legislation.
  
- Thank you very much.