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The Honorable Jared Solomon  
House Office Building, Room 222  
6 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Solomon:

Wonders Early Learning + Extended Day is pleased to support the Accessible to All Act, HB SB401/LR492. This legislation requires that a single-occupancy public restroom be marked with gender-inclusive signage.

Wonders is a nonprofit provider of accredited early childhood education, before and after school care and summer camp with flexible programs, for children ages two months through sixth grade. We are committed to equity in our teaching practices and organizational policies and we are proud to be an integral part of the community. For over 40 years, Wonders has been providing a safe, nurturing learning environment parents can trust and depend upon in Bethesda, MD, Chevy Chase, MD, and now Rockville, MD.

We believe that all families should have access to privacy and to feel safe when using public restrooms. Gender neutral restrooms provide peace of mind for parents and guardians with young children, older disabled children and for all parents needing to change diapers. Fathers should not have to change diapers on the floor and most likely would not be comfortable using a restroom labeled as "women". Parents and guardians with children of a different gender often encounter scrutiny when accessing gender-specific restrooms. Removing gendered signage from single occupancy public restrooms allows families to use the facilities without feeling anxious about a possible confrontation or feeling awkward.

Gender neutral restrooms are nothing new. We use them in our homes, buses, trains, airplanes, some restaurants and small businesses and offices. Having more accessible restrooms in Maryland is good for families.

Wonders strongly urges a favorable report on SB401/LR492 Accessible to All Bill.

Sincerely,

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