

Bill Glennon President of Harbor Medical Testimony for House Bill 10 Adult Changing Table Bill

Good Afternoon. My name is Bill Glennon. I am president of Harbor Medical. Harbor Medical is a Maryland based company that has been providing hygiene and patient lifting equipment, including changing table, to customers across the United States for over 20 years.

The manufacturer of our tables, Astor-Bannerman, has created a non profit in the UK, called Changing Places. Changing Places works tirelessly to make adult changing table available in government buildings, airports, train stations, sports arenas, schools, and other public buildings.

The result is that many special needs people and their families are able to enjoy many of life's pleasures that were previously unavailable to them. Prior to the installation of these tables their world was limited to how far they could go before they needed to be back home for a change and cleaning, unless they wanted to endure the humiliation of being changed on a bathroom floor or the back seat of a car. Now, with a little planning they can enjoy a day at the park, a sporting event, or travel with the family and have a bathroom that addresses their needs

Progress has been made in the US. We have changing tables in some airports, but not enough. We have some in schools, but far too few. We have some states that have addressed the need. We are here today to ask you to join that group, to provide for a basic need of so many citizens of Maryland and their families. Please move forward with House Bill10 and provide accessible bathrooms in Maryland.