

# MARYLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COALITION

Dedicated to the rights and quality of life for people with developmental disabilities in Maryland



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## Senate Bill 44- Public Buildings- Changing Facilities Position: Support with Amendments January 16, 2020 Judicial Proceedings Committee

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Coalition is comprised of five statewide organizations that are committed to improving the opportunities and outcomes for Marylanders with developmental disabilities. The Coalition supports SB44 with sponsor amendments.

People with developmental disabilities by and large want the opportunity to leave their homes and participate in their communities. Many work, go out with friends and family, attend events, shop, and worship among an array of community activities. When bathrooms with changing stations, capable of supporting the weight of both a child and an adult, are unavailable, individuals who require personal hygiene assistance are often changed in the backs of cars, tailgates of vans or trucks, on the grass or in parking lots (while family members try to hold up blankets for privacy barriers), on the laps of their caregivers while sitting on a toilet and frequently on the floor of a restroom.

According to statistics provided by the Dignified Changes advocacy group, more than 17 million individuals experience urinary incontinence and this number is expanding as our population ages and the percentage of people with disabilities increases.

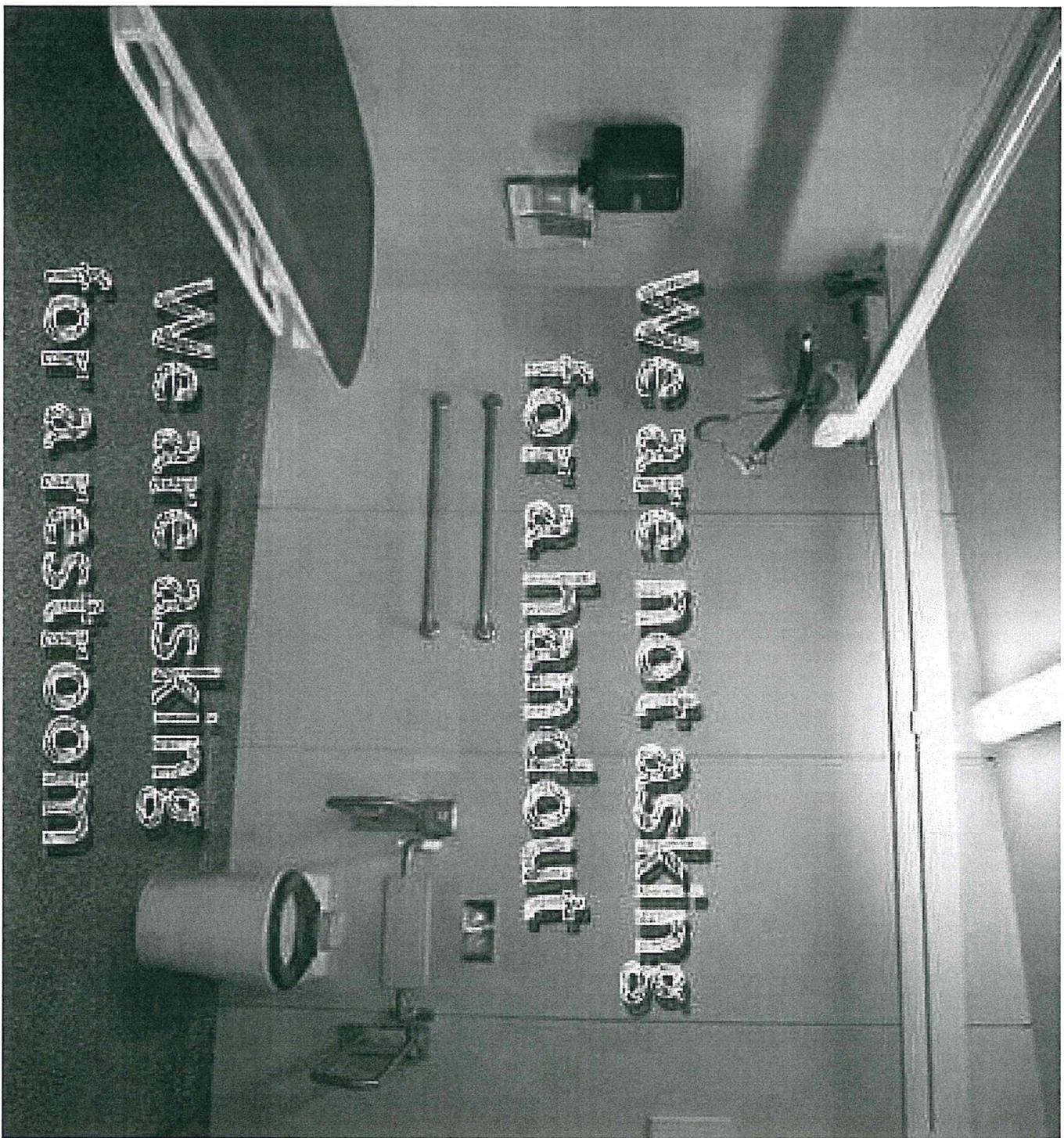
By ensuring privacy and dignity is afforded to all individuals using a restroom, we will be meeting the needs of not only people with developmental disabilities, but also seniors and veterans with disabilities.

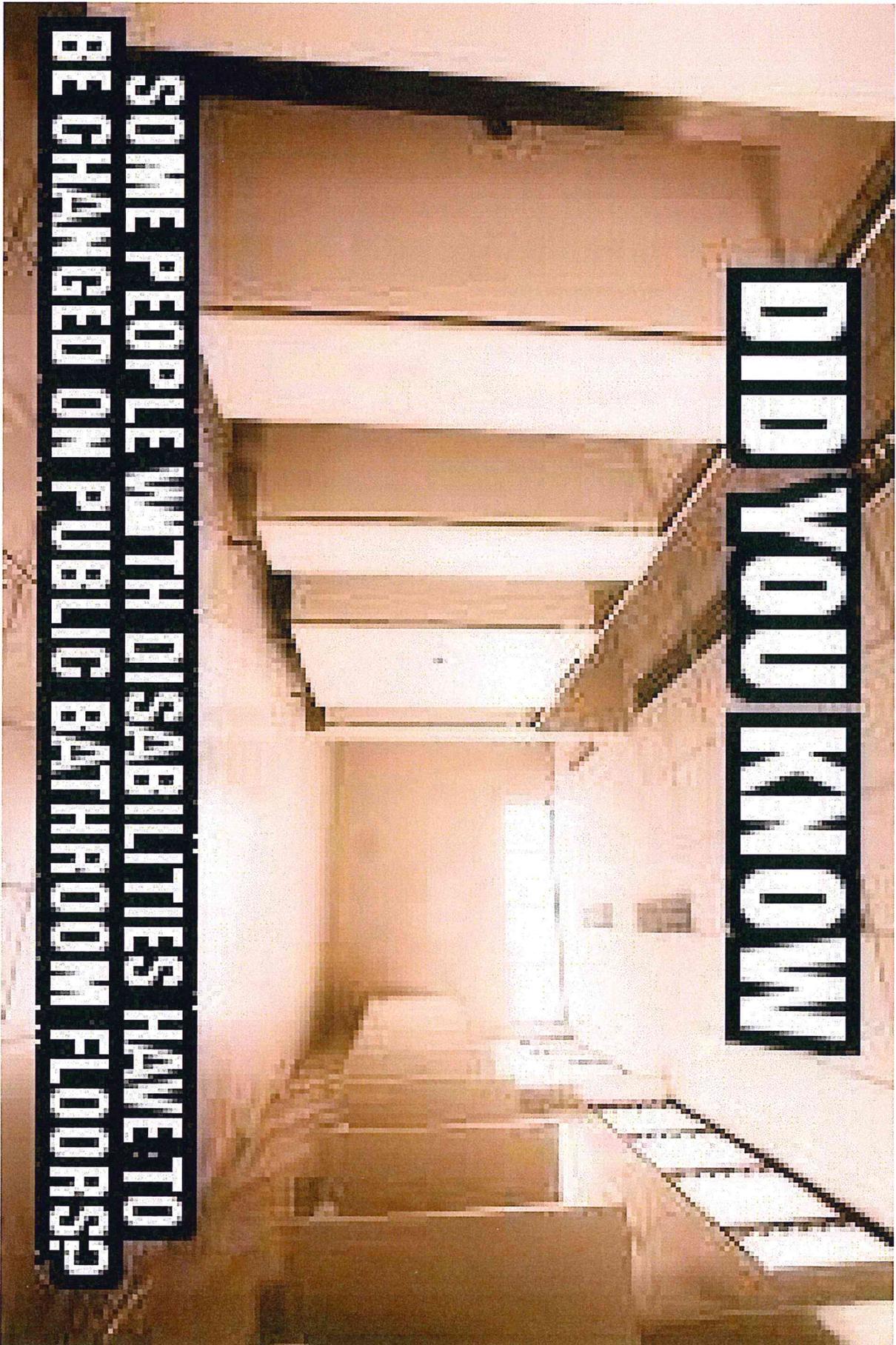
Respectfully Submitted,

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for a handout

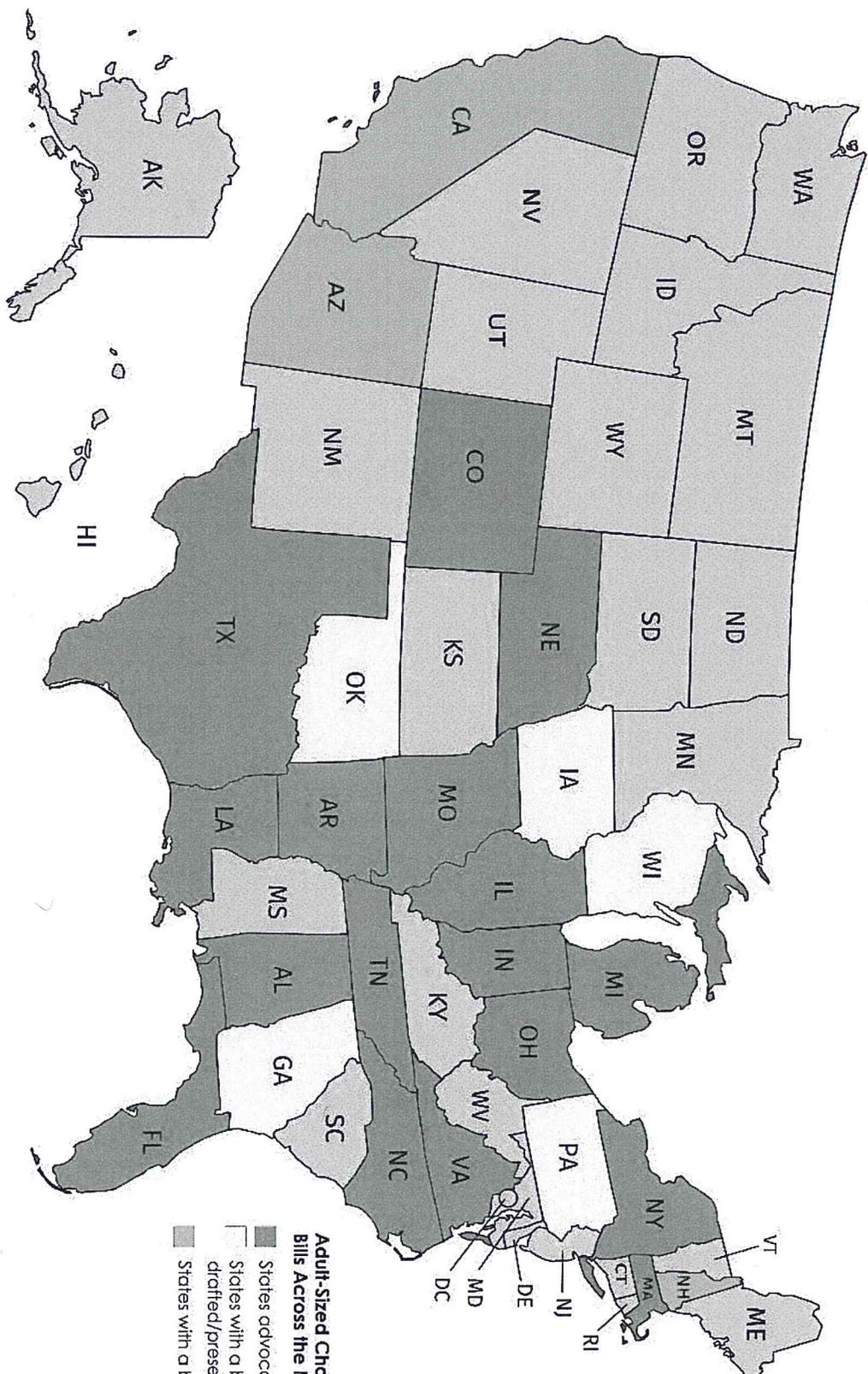
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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**SOME PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HAVE TO  
BE CHANGED ON PUBLIC BATHROOM FLOORS?**



**Adult-Sized Changing Table Bills Across the Nation**

- States advocating for change
- States with a bill drafted/presented
- States with a bill passed