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Senate Committee on Judicial Proceedings
Education, Health, and Economic Affairs Committee
Maryland General Assembly
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21041

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RE: SUPPORT for SB0401, Testimony in support of the bill requiring single-use public restrooms to be designated for use by all genders

Dear Chairperson Smith and Pinsky and Members of the Committee:

As Managing Partner of Cured / 18th & 21st, I strongly support SB0401 - Accessibility to All Act, which would require that single-occupancy restrooms be available to persons of any gender identity and associated signage be gender-inclusive. As a state, I believe we should strive to create public accommodations which are inclusive for all Marylanders.

Cured / 18th & 21st has been operating with gender inclusive restrooms for nearly two years and all restrooms in our establishment are available to all genders with signs which simply read "Restroom." Our guests have overwhelmingly responded positively to our use of single occupancy gender neutral restrooms. Not only do they allow for diminished wait times, they also allows parents to accompany their children and caregivers to easily assist people for whom they are responsible for in the restroom, regardless of gender.

More than a dozen municipalities, including Baltimore, Washington, DC and five states have also enacted similar laws. This is good for Maryland and good for business. We are committed to providing accessibility for all of our customers.

I strongly urge a favorable report on SB0401.

Respectfully,

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