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Bill: House Bill 1147 Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings-
Single Occupancy Public Restrooms-Availability

Committee: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

Position: Letter of Support

Dear Chair Pendergrass,

The Maryland Association of Centers for Independent Living are pleased to write a letter of support for House Bill 1147: Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings- Single Occupancy Public Restrooms-Availability. This bill requires that single occupancy restrooms allow universal access. Individuals with disabilities, seniors, and families with small children would be permitted private and dignified restroom access to the closest single occupancy restroom, rather than travelling to a restroom remotely located on a different floor of a building.

Centers for Independent Living are non-residential centers serving all people with disabilities throughout the State of Maryland.

We offer services including independent living skills training, advocacy, transition programs, and assistive technology support. As the Executive Directors of Centers for Independent Living, we are aware of the value that HB1147 will have for our consumers.

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