

SB 486 Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings - Gender-Inclusive Signage
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Position: Support

My name is Blake Mihm, and I am writing to support bill 486, Open to All Act. I work for the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services in public health.

My job brings me all over the county as I serve my community. I am frequently in county buildings, and do not have a restroom to use. It is an awful feeling to know that I cannot access a bathroom during my workday without feeling fear of harassment. It is unfortunate that even in county buildings, there are no restrooms for gender expansive individuals despite the presence of single-stall restrooms. A simple change of signage would open these restrooms to everyone who needs them. Making these restrooms inclusive to everyone is an easy change that will have a real beneficial impact on people like me everyday.

Thank you,
Blake Mihm