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## **SB 486 Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings – Gender-Inclusive Signage**

### **Position: Support**

We, the board of directors of Annapolis Pride, support SB 486. This bill updates the law by requiring places of public accommodation and state buildings that have single occupancy public restrooms must be marked with gender-inclusive signage.

Gender-inclusive signage allows less wait times for restrooms. It 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.

California, Vermont and Illinois, along with cities like Washington, D.C., Baltimore City, Philadelphia, Austin and New York City, have passed laws that require gender-neutral single occupancy restrooms be more inclusive and we believe Maryland should pass this legislation as well.

**We strongly urge a favorable report on SB 486.**