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Testimony in Support of SB0048 Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings – Gender-Inclusive Signage

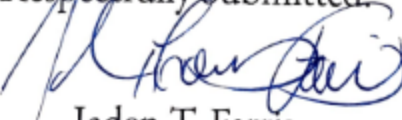
The Board of Directors of Annapolis Pride enthusiastically supports HB 0040, which updates the law to require places of public accommodations and state government buildings that have single occupancy public restrooms to be marked with gender-inclusive signage.

All people deserve the right to access public restrooms without fear of discrimination or harassment. The gender-inclusive signage will make it easier for all individuals, regardless of gender identity, to access the restroom.

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.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 0048

Respectfully Submitted:



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