

Carol A. Beatty, Secretary

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DATE: February 1, 2023

BILL: Senate Bill 84: Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings - Gender-Inclusive Signage

COMMITTEE: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

POSITION: Letter of Information

Dear Chair Smith,

The Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) respectfully submits this letter of information for Senate Bill 84: Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings - Gender-Inclusive Signage) on behalf of people with disabilities.

Under Senate Bill 84, a single-occupancy public restroom in a place of public accommodation is required to be marked with gender-inclusive signage. This bill would allow people with disabilities the ability to access restrooms based on proximity, not gender. In addition, it would alleviate any confusion when a person with disabilities requires assistance in the bathroom and the person assisting them is of a different gender.

If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth Hall, Director of Interagency Affairs, (410)767-3652, [elizabeth.hall2@maryland.gov](mailto:elizabeth.hall2@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol A. Beatty".

Carol A. Beatty, Secretary