

In support of HB 1147 Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings – Single-Occupancy Public Restrooms

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As the Communications Director of the Frederick Book Arts Center, I and my organization are writing to show support for HB 1147, Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings – Single-Occupancy Public Restrooms. This Bill would require that any single-occupancy restroom be available to all regardless of gender.

The Frederick Book Arts Center is a newly established art center in Frederick, MD and currently we have two single occupancy restrooms. Only one of our restrooms is ADA compliant; this alone, already mandates that we make both restrooms available to all. Additionally, a large percentage of the people that frequent our space are women, and by allowing them access to both restrooms we cut down on wait times, which allows them a quick return to their classes.

We have people of all ages frequent our space, individuals and families, and we have only ever had good feedback about having two genderless single-occupancy restrooms. We urge you to pass this Bill; it is a simple transition that is convenient to all.

Sincerely,

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