



February 29, 2020

The Honorable Dereck E. Davis  
Economic Matters Committee  
House Office Building, Room 231  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**HB 1147: Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings - Single-Occupancy Public Restrooms - Availability  
(The Accessible to All Act)  
SUPPORT**

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Economic Matters Committee and the Health and Government Operations Committee,

I am the founder and owner of Maryland Meadworks in Prince George's County and I would like to express my strong support for The Accessible To All Act, HB 1147. Ensuring that our single-occupancy restrooms have gender neutral signage has been great for my business and customers, and, with this bill's passage, I know the same will be true for businesses and communities all across Maryland as well.

Maryland Meadworks is more than just a meadery. We serve our Hyattsville community as a hub and place to gather, hosting local events as varied as live music, comedy, arts and crafts, poetry and storytelling, and community forums with local elected officials. In order to be welcoming to all our neighbors in Hyattsville and the rest of Prince George's County, we have gender neutral single-occupancy restrooms. Not only does this ensure lower wait times, but it also is helpful and accommodating to parents, people with disabilities, and our gender nonconforming customers. The neighboring District of Columbia had this same requirement in place for many years with no problems.

I respectfully urge this committee to issue a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Ken Carter, Founder & Owner