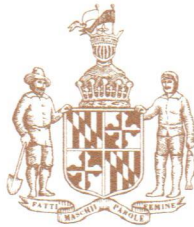


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RE: Senate Bill 158 – Lodging Establishments – Accessible Rooms for Individuals with Disabilities – Bed Height

Dear Committee Members:

I request your support for SB 158. The purpose of this bill is to require lodging establishments with more than 4 rooms to alter the bed height in their handicapped accessible rooms to a height that is accessible for those in wheelchairs. It also requires that there is enough room under the bed for a lift to fit if needed to place a person on the bed. Currently there are no standards for bed height in handicapped accessible rooms. Those in wheelchairs often find it impossible to find a room with a bed height that they can actually get into. The required number of handicapped accessible rooms is established by federal law. This bill does not change any of the federal requirements for those rooms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Cassilly", written over a blue circular scribble.

Senator Bob Cassilly