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**Subject:** Support for H.333

Hello Committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs,

I am writing to you to express extreme support for bill H.333 which would create more accessible public spaces for queer and trans-identified folks in Vermont by re-labeling all single-stall restrooms without gender markers.

As a gender-queer identified person who has lived in Vermont for over 6 years and as someone who spends a lot of time volunteering with queer and trans youth and queer and trans adults, this bill is a great step towards creating a more welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for our LGBTQ communities.

While there is much conversation on a national level around bathrooms, especially around North Carolina's HB2, aka "The Bathroom Bill," the issue this bill is touching upon is much deeper than that. Bathrooms are a small step towards creating public spaces that are non-exclusionary towards trans and gender-nonconforming individuals.

I am involved in Brattleboro's town government and yet cannot feel fully comfortable in my own town's municipal offices, library, rec center, etc. because if I don't plan my day correctly, I may need to use the facilities that force me to make decisions that I chose long ago do not work for me.

What excites me the most about this bill is that it creates an easy way to support LGBTQ communities without anyone else losing. It is a win-win for all and I hope you all support it moving through the House.

Thank you,  
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