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Subject: H.333: The Bathroom Bill

Hello,

I would like to let the committee know that I hope you will get this legislation through.

It has always bothered me that single stalled bathrooms are labeled "men" or "women". There is simply no reason for it other than to divide the genders. In fact, it often causes inconveniences when you are waiting for the bathroom labeled the gender you identify with while the other is empty.

Inconvenience isn't enough for a law of course, but my point is I can't see any reason to argue against this bill.

People who do not conform to a gender have the right to use whatever bathroom they feel most comfortable in. It causes unnecessary social stress to have to choose between these bathrooms and risk being judged or even the target of hostility.

Because bathrooms are labeled, it reinforces our culture that gender conformity should be strict and is important. That reinforcement enables the hostility. There is no possible way that a person identifying from a different gender than the one they were assigned at birth infringes on another person's rights.

Making single stall bathrooms gender-free is a good step towards liberating those who are non-gender conforming and transgender from social stress and fear of hostility while causing no inconvenience to cisgender folks. In fact, it may even be more convenient for them!

Thank you very much for the work that you do, and I hope you will see the importance of this bill.

Regards,

Elizabeth Rossano