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**Subject:** H333

I am writing in support of Bill H333 to make single stall restrooms gender neutral.

I work at Colchester High School where we have turned the single stall accessible bathrooms into gender neutral restrooms in support of gender non-conforming and trans students. And there has been no backlash in this fairly conservative town! Because it turns out, it's really not a big deal to make single stall bathrooms gender neutral. The only people who found it to be a big deal are the trans kids who now feel safe to use the bathroom and recognize that this small effort means their school cares about their safety and well-being. What a wonderful message to send to some of our most vulnerable students.

And what a message it will send to some of our most vulnerable Vermonters to know that their state sees, recognizes, and supports them. Vermont has always been ahead of the curve on LGBTQ issues. In a time when so many states are passing hateful, discriminatory bathroom bills that target trans people, let us be the leaders we have always been. I strongly encourage you to vote in support of H333.

Thank you,  
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