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I am writing in support of Bill SF 0999, which is now included in the SF 2782 Labor Omnibus Bill.

My father was a World War Two veteran. He lived with me for the last few years of his life, and I was his primary caregiver.

I am a Vietnam War veteran.

My father was housebound, except for when I'd take him to his medical appointments, or to visit my mother, who was in longterm care.

I watched many of my father's friends, who were also World War Two veterans, become less and less connected to their community because they and their primary care givers had no adult changing stations available to them. Their world grew smaller and smaller, until no one saw them anymore.

It's getting to be that way for Vietnam War veterans, too. I think of them, and I advocate for them.

But mostly, I think of my young neighbor, Sadie. She's disabled, and soon will be too big to make use of child changing stations. I hope that she and her mother will be able to find adult changing stations.

It's wasn't so long ago that people in wheelchairs had difficulty at intersections because the curbs were so high. But we took care of that, and we can take care of this too, because politics is the allocation of values.

Thank you.