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Support for SF999 -Adult-Sized Changing Tables

Dear Labor Committee.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of support for SF999- Adult-Sized Changing Tables.

My name is, john fosdick i am writing to you to tell you why this bill is so important to me and the greater disability community at large.

I have heard stories of friends who have physical disabilities and they have told me how hard it is to find clean and exessable places that they can use public restrooms and feel comfortable having to change their adult underwear

Senators, I implore you to pass this bill on because the disability community, for too long, has been left out of the discussions and process that affects us the most and instead, non-disabled individuals have made decisions without our input, knowledge or needs as the starting point for any issue surrounding the disability community, and instead have always told us what is "good enough" for us.

I ask that you support our needs and community by voting to move this bill, SF999, forward as amended so that we, as a disability community, can actually start being a part of our communities as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 1990 and Olmstead Decision (1999) have stated we should be.

Thank you for your support. Sincerely,

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