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**From:** Jaelle Laplante <jaellelaplante@gmail.com>  
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**To:** House State Government and Elections Committee  
**Subject:** H5611

Good afternoon,

I am writing to request that you support bill H561. Passing this bill will ensure that equal restroom access is available to people with varying physical needs by offering universal changing tables in public restrooms. Passing this bill would also place Rhode Island in a position of leading the country in accessibility for all by following the lead of Alabama, Arizona, California, Illinois, Maryland, New Hampshire, Minnesota, and Tennessee.

You and I may take for granted the fact that at any time we can access a public restroom as needed. For children and adults who have physical disabilities this is not the case at all. Using the restroom for them often requires their brief to be changed on a restroom floor, in the back of a van, or to wait in a soiled brief until they get to their home. As you can see there is no dignity afforded in any of the previous. By creating equitable access to restrooms we can ensure that all people can have their most basic needs met while out in the community.

I would like to thank you in advance for your anticipated support.

Best,

Jaelle Laplante