

Michigan House of Representatives Regulatory Reform Committee 124 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933

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RE: HB 4649

Honorable Committee Members,

For over 35 years, the Michigan Brain Injury Provider Council has proudly served providers in the profession of brain injury rehabilitation. Our mission is to enhance the ability of our members to provide high quality, ethical rehabilitation, health care, and related services to people living with a brain injury.

While our primary focus is to serve as a trade association for providers in the field of brain injury rehabilitation, we cannot fulfil our mission without always looking out for the rights and inclusion of the brain injury survivors we are so fortunate to serve. This is why the Michigan Brain Injury Provider Council is requesting your support of Liam's Law; HB 4649.

Every day, Michiganders living with a brain injury, spinal cord injury, or developmental and/or physical disability find themselves restricted from being able to enjoy the many public venues, attractions, and aspects of everyday life that many us take for granted. The inability to find properly accommodated restrooms is still a reality, despite the significant progress since the enactment of the Americans' with Disabilities Act in 1990. Liam's Law will fix this by requiring public restrooms contain at least one adult-sized, fully adjustable changing table. This will allow people to live their lives and access the same places we all do without having to worry about restroom accommodations. They will no longer need to be faced with the choice of staying home or having to be changed without privacy on the unsanitary conditions of a public restroom floor or in the back of their vehicle. Liam's Law will not only allow greater access and inclusion for all Michiganders, but will provide them with appropriate accommodations that ensure their safety and dignity wherever they go.

On behalf of our member organizations across this great state, we ask that the Michigan House of Representatives Regulatory Reform Committee pass HB 4649 and support its passage through the House and Senate.

Sincerely,

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