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	SUBJECT	SUPPORT – City Council Bill #19-0385-Gender Inclusive Single-User Restrooms		

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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
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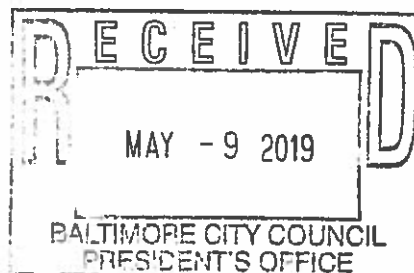
The Department of General Services has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0385-Gender Inclusive Single User-Restrooms, the purpose of which is to require that certain single-user restrooms in Baltimore City be made available to individuals regardless of gender; requiring that certain single-user restrooms use gender-inclusive signage to identify the restroom; defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties; and providing for a special effective date. Upon review, the department **supports CCB 19-0385**.

City Council Bill 19-0385 requires that any public, single user restroom in a commercial or industrial establishment, or a place of public accommodation, or a City owned or occupied building must be made available for use by individuals of any gender and identified with gender inclusive signage. The bill defines a public single-user restroom as a single-occupancy restroom for public use with at least one water closet and with an outer door that can be locked by the occupant. The definition does not include any private restroom in a residence, apartment, hotel, or hospital or any restroom that is only accessible from a private room or office.

DGS has taken proactive steps to ensure that all single-use restrooms owned and occupied by the City of Baltimore are gender-inclusive. This includes posted signage which is gender-inclusive.

The department has examined the impacts of CCB 19-0385 and **DGS supports CCB 19-0385** and its efforts to create a more friendly and safe working environment for City employees and residents.

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