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I am writing to the House Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human services in support of providing funding in our Ohio budget for increased public accessibility, including more universal changing tables.

My son is 10 years old and has a medical condition that requires him special restroom accommodations. As a baby, we were able to trouble shoot, changing his bags on changing tables, and even in the trunk of our car when needed. He is older and bigger and more aware of his need for privacy. Unfortunately, we do not live in a world where such accommodations are the norm. We have had times where I have had to lift him onto a small changing table, not only for fear we break the table, but also worry for his privacy which is very important. I urge you to please consider this accommodation for your bathrooms. My son is just one example of who needs to use there. So many people young and old are out there are walking or wheeling around with need for this type of accommodation. I wish for a world where universal design is the norm. I encourage you to be a leader in this movement and consider installing adult changing tables for people like Isaac.

Sincerely,  
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