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Dear Dr. Sachin Dev Pavithran and Members of the U.S. Access Board,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to request that the Board consider including a discussion item on the agenda for the upcoming meeting on October 30, 2024 or the following meeting on January 27-29 2025. Specifically, I would like to request that the Board discuss the possibility of making a rule to require adult changing stations in public facilities, in accordance with the provisions of the ICC E142-21, which the Access Board previously supported during the International Code Council’s (ICC) deliberations.

As you are aware, the ICC E142-21 amendment to the International Building Code represents a significant step forward in ensuring that people with disabilities and their families have access to the facilities they need in public spaces. The inclusion of adult-size changing tables in family/single-user restrooms is a crucial accommodation that provides dignity, safety, and accessibility for individuals who require assistance with personal care in a public setting.

Given the Access Board’s endorsement of this code change during the ICC process, I believe it is essential to explore the possibility of codifying this requirement into federal accessibility standards. A formal rulemaking process would further demonstrate the Board's commitment to enhancing the accessibility of public spaces for all individuals, particularly those with significant physical disabilities.

I understand that the rulemaking process involves careful consideration and extensive public input. However, I strongly believe that initiating this discussion during the upcoming meeting would be a meaningful step towards advancing this important issue.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to your response and am hopeful that the Board will take this opportunity to discuss the adoption of a rule for adult-size changing tables as outlined in ICC E142-21.

Sincerely,

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