



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE GENERAL COURT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

November 15, 2023

Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters
1000 Washington Street, Suite 710
Boston, MA 02118

**RE: Proposed Language Allowing Non-Gender Designated Multi-User Bathrooms,
Amendments to the Uniform State Plumbing Code, 248 CMR 10.00.**

Dear Members of the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters,

We write to respond to the proposed changes to the plumbing code, specifically to allow up to 100% gender-inclusive/gender-neutral bathroom facilities in buildings.

We applaud the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters' effort to facilitate inclusivity for LGBTQ+ and non-binary individuals and all families through these proposed and much-needed changes. We wholeheartedly support the Board's intent behind the proposed regulations with regard to gender-inclusive/gender-neutral bathrooms.

Several technical concerns about the draft regulations have been raised by colleagues at the American Institute of Architects (AIA). We understand that these concerns, if left unattended, could undermine the implementation of the proposed regulations.

We encourage the Board to strongly consider the AIA concerns. We believe that the AIA recommendations will strengthen your good work.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

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