Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Bryan Steil Chairman Committee on House Administration Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Joe Morelle Ranking Member Committee on House Administration Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Steil and Ranking Member Morelle,

As members of the Congressional Dads Caucus, we write to request that the House Administration Committee examine the need to ensure and expand access to diaper changing tables in restrooms across the House buildings. As brought to our attention by constituents and visitors to the House buildings, not every restroom has access to a diaper changing table—an experience shared by many of us and our staff. This deficiency hinders the ability of working parents from being easily able to manage parental responsibilities.

As working parents, we are intimately familiar with the challenges of balancing our professional and family responsibilities, and have joined together to form the Congressional Dads Caucus to uplift the needs of working families. Addressing the lack of diaper changing tables is one example of how we can improve upon a workplace that is not designed for working parents. Since House offices are also open to the public, this creates an opportunity to help the thousands of families who come to Congress to expose their children to democracy in action. Ensuring diaper changing tables are present and accessible in all restrooms is a commonsense addition to our buildings that will help our growing number of Members of Congress, or a visitor to our Congressional offices, we must ensure that everyone has access to diaper changing tables in the restroom.

The lack of changing tables in restrooms is not a new issue – in fact, it is an issue that families of all shapes and sizes face every day across the United States. In 2016, Congress passed into law the BABIES (Bathroom Accessible in Every Situation) Act, which requires that all federal public buildings be equipped with baby changing facilities. However, while Congressional office buildings have made great improvements in accessibility of diaper changing tables, they were not required to abide by this change.

Every staff member, Member of Congress, and visitor to our Congressional offices deserves access to an equitable workplace environment. Thank you for your consideration and we look

forward to working with you to ensure our buildings are accessible for working parents and families.

Sincerely,

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