

Dear [INSERT SENATOR NAME]:

My name is [INSERT NAME] and I am writing to you to urge you support Senate Bill No. 4918, the Crohn's & Colitis Fairness Act (referred to in other states as the Restroom Access Act). Already law in 14 other states, the Restroom Access Act requires that retail establishments provide people with certain medical conditions, like inflammatory bowel disease, access to their employee restroom if a public restroom is not available. On June 17, the Senate will be voting on this bill, and your support is critical in ensuring its passage.

This bill would be life changing for the 1 in 200 Americans who suffer from inflammatory bowel diseases like Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Inflammatory bowel diseases are debilitating intestinal illnesses that cause severe cramping and urgency on a daily basis.

As someone with [CROHN'S DISEASE/ULCERATIVE COLITIS], I constantly worry about whether or not there will be a bathroom accessible when I am out in public. When you suffer from inflammatory bowel diseases, sometimes the urgency to use the bathroom hits you out of nowhere and is so bad that you have to run to the bathroom or have an accident. In fact, that's how this law came about; a 14-year-old girl with Crohn's disease named Ally Bain had a public accident when a retail store she was in denied her access to their employee-only restroom. Passage of this bill would help the millions of people like myself to not have to worry about restroom access and having an accident when they are out.

For all of your constituents with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, I urge you vote yes on Senate Bill S. 4918 and do everything you can get your colleagues to vote in support of it so it passes the Senate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME]