

Joint Committee on Transportation  
Public Hearing  
Proposed H.B. No. 6038  
2/13/2013

Dear Members of the Transportation Committee:

I am writing this letter to urge you to support proposed H.B. No. 6038, an act requiring the use of gender-neutral "people at work" signs by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

As a social worker, a mother of two young girls, and a Girl Scout Troop leader, I am always striving to ensure that the girls of today grow up to be strong, competent leaders who are valued and respected. Too often I have to explain to my daughters some of the inequities that still exist in society between men and women and the "men at work" signs are one example that can easily be rectified with your help. I have seen the "men at work" signs posted, sometimes only a few feet from where a woman is actually working on a road project or holding one of the traffic signs for driver safety. I can only imagine what message that sends to her and other women driving by. If we allow this to continue, we will not move any closer to having a community where everyone is valued equally. Please support this bill and be part of the solution. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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