219TH NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HON. JOHN BURZICHELLI—CHAIR

TESTIMONY

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NEW JERSEY GASOLINE \triangleright C-A=857 automotive association

Oppose, Unless Amended

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Testimony of Sal Risalvato

Chairman Burzichelli, members of the Committee, my name is Sal Risalvato, Executive Director of the New Jersey Gasoline, Convenience Store, Automotive Association (NJGCA), here representing nearly a thousand independent small businesses in this state and it is on their behalf that we oppose this bill as introduced.

The businesses we represent—auto repair shops, gas stations, and convenience stores—are all very limited in the amount of space they have, and that extends to their restroom as well. It is not uncommon that their single restroom is little more than a sink and a toilet. These facilities can be so small that even if a diaper changing station were installed on the wall there would not be enough space for anyone to ever use it in a practical manner.

I appreciate and understand the goals of the sponsors of this legislation, and our members' concerns could be addressed by a simple amendment specifying that the requirement only applies to public restrooms of a certain minimum size, I would recommend 200 square feet at least. If such an amendment were made, we would no longer be opposed to this bill. Without such an amendment, I must ask that you hold the bill in committee today.

Thank you for your consideration.

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