

PETER WELCH
AT-LARGE, VERMONT

2303 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-4500
202-225-4115

DISTRICT:
128 LAKESIDE AVENUE
SUITE 235
BURLINGTON, VT 05401
(802) 652-2450
(888) 605-7270

CHIEF DEPUTY WHIP

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC
STEERING & POLICY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND COMMERCE

COMMITTEE ON
OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT
REFORM

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4500

July 5, 2016

The Honorable Stephen Ayers
Architect of the Capitol
United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Ayers,

A recent local news report revealed that the Capitol complex lacks sufficient accommodations for mothers to breastfeed their children. I know you share my view that our campus should be a family friendly place to work and visit, and that this shortage of accommodations should be addressed.

As you may know, last month the House unanimously approved my bipartisan amendment to H.R. 5325, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, which will increase the number of lactation stations in the Capitol and House office buildings and bring us into compliance with General Service Administration (GSA) standards for federal buildings.

As you work to increase the number of lactations stations in the Capitol complex, I want to introduce you to Mamava, (<http://www.mamava.com/>), an outstanding women-owned small business in Vermont that specializes in free-standing lactation rooms in public areas for nursing women. These cost effective "pods" provide privacy to women who need to breast pump in high traffic spaces such as stadiums and airports. Mamava has already sold more than 100 lactation suites in 21 states, including to government facilities at Madigan Army Medical Hospital, Fort Benning, and Veterans' Affairs buildings.

I look forward to working with you to ensure that sufficient accommodations are available for employees and visitors to breast feed their children. I am confident that Mamava would be an effective partner as you work to ensure the Capitol complex is a family friendly place to work and visit.

Sincerely,

PETER WELCH
Member of Congress