

Menstrual Products in Public Bathrooms Testimony – Girl Scout Troop 3002

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Presented to the Honorable Anne Kaiser and Members of the House Ways and Means  
Committee

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POSITION: SUPPORT

Our troop consists of girls in middle school and high school. One of our community service activities was making reusable hygiene products for girls in Haiti. We therefore support menstrual equity in public schools.

We believe that menstrual products should be in all Maryland public schools and free of charge because sometimes students will show up to school unprepared for their menstrual cycle and this causes anxiety, lack of concentration and fear of embarrassment. Students will not be able to focus on learning and would be distracted. If all Maryland public schools provided menstrual products, then this problem would be eliminated. For example: If I were to start my period at school without any menstrual products in my school bag, I would worry less and focus more if I know the school has the appropriate items I need at my disposal.

We believe that a law should be passed for there to be free feminine hygiene products in all school bathrooms. Feminine hygiene products should be available to all young females because some girls can't afford to take care of themselves with proper hygienic products. This law will give all girls the power to feel confident about themselves while staying clean and healthy

Thank you for your consideration.

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