



March 2, 2026

The Honorable Chair Melissa Wells
Chair, House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
145 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 941 - SUPPORT

Dear Delegate Wells,

On behalf of the Alliance for Period Supplies, I am writing to express our strong support for HB 941, sponsored by Delegate Terri Hill, which would require all public restrooms located within public buildings owned and operated by the state to provide essential hygiene products, including free menstrual products.

The Alliance for Period Supplies is a nonprofit organization comprised of over 140 independent community-based organizations across the U.S. that collect, warehouse, and distribute period products to those in need. In Maryland, 2 of our allied members are hard at work to end period poverty for the two in five people who struggle to purchase period supplies due to lack of income.

The provision of menstrual products is vital for ensuring the health, dignity, and full participation in daily life. [2 in 5 women](#) have struggled to purchase enough menstrual products, this lack of a basic necessity can force women to stay home from work or school, depressing their wages as well as micro-economic productivity. Research also shows that 86% of people who menstruate have started their periods unexpectedly in public, and 34% have needed to leave what they were doing to retrieve period products. Such disruptions cost considerable time and resources, which can be particularly burdensome to youth, low-income people, unhoused people, and other vulnerable populations.

In addition to resource costs, a lack of access to menstrual products can also cause serious health issues, including emotional duress, physical infection, and disease. Inadequate menstrual support is also associated with other health and psycho-social issues, particularly among low-income people.

Passing HB941 is a critical step toward removing barriers to equity for all Maryland residents, especially those who have struggled to access menstrual products due to gender or income. By providing menstrual products in public facilities, Maryland can help to ensure its residents are empowered to reach their full potential. For all of these reasons, we urge you to support this important legislation.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. The Alliance for Period Supplies stands ready to support and collaborate with you in any way possible to ensure the successful passage and implementation of this critical legislation.

Sincerely,

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