

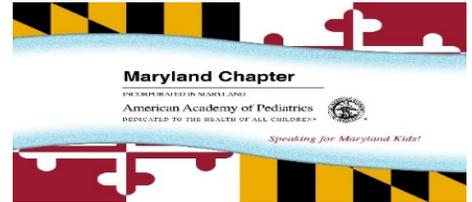


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TO: The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky, Chair  
Members, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
The Honorable Sarah K. Elfreth

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RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 427 – *Public Schools – Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products – Requirement*

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On behalf of the Maryland State Medical Society and the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, we submit this letter of **support** for Senate Bill 427.

Senate Bill 427 requires public schools to provide hygiene products at no cost to students in their restrooms. Passage of this legislation will ensure that all students have access to menstrual hygiene products, which is particularly important for low-income students who do not have the means to purchase these products. Senate Bill 427 will also help to reduce the amount of time that students miss school because they do not have access to menstrual hygiene products. Providing access to these products in the restrooms destigmatizes the products which are now generally only available in the school nurse's office. Menstruation is not an illness. Students should not have to see a health care provider to obtain menstrual hygiene products. For these reasons, a favorable report is requested

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