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The Honorable Senator Brian Feldman  
Chairman, Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Support for SB 532 - Higher Education Institutions - Over-the-Counter Contraception - Access and Reporting**

Dear Chairman Feldman,

On behalf of the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA)<sup>1</sup>, I am writing to express strong support for SB 532. The legislation broadens Maryland's access to contraception by mandating community colleges in the state provide students with access to all forms of over-the-counter (OTC) contraception.

Access to contraceptives has significant health, social, and economic benefits, including reducing unintended pregnancies, abortions, and improving outcomes for planned pregnancies. Women ages 18-25 have the highest rates of unintended pregnancies<sup>2</sup>, yet many college students have trouble accessing methods of contraception due to cost barriers, privacy concerns, and logistical challenges such as transportation to off-campus pharmacies.

SB 532 mandates contraceptive availability in student health centers, retail establishments on campus, and vending machines, among other methods. By requiring availability in these spaces, the bill meets students where they are and removes much of the friction that prevents consistent contraceptive use.

SB 532 represents a meaningful step toward expanding contraceptive access for students throughout Maryland. We are grateful to you and Senator Kagan for introducing this legislation and strongly encourage its passage. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly with any questions regarding our position.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Consumer Healthcare Products Association is the national trade association representing the manufacturers of nonprescription drugs, dietary supplements and over-the-counter medical devices

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ncsl.org/state-legislatures-news/details/contraceptive-options-for-women-on-college-campuses>