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**Senate Bill 0307/HB0541: Public Schools - Restocking Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement**

**Education, Energy and the Environment Committee - February 27, 2026  
SUPPORT**

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony concerning an important priority of the **Montgomery County Women's Democratic Club (WDC)** for the 2026 legislative session. WDC is one of Maryland's largest and most active Democratic clubs with hundreds of politically active members, including many elected officials.

**WDC urges the passage of Senate Bill 0307/HB0541: Public Schools - Restocking Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement.** This bill requires each middle school and high school in Maryland to keep already required menstrual supplies machines in women's bathrooms re-stocked as needed. These supplies are to be provided free of charge to students.

The WDC Children and Youth Advocacy Subcommittee has prioritized Chronic Absenteeism as a key issue. There are many factors to consider when addressing Chronic Absenteeism. One of these is for students to be comfortable and secure in school<sup>1</sup>. If students do not have menstrual supplies readily available and they either run out of their own supplies; can't afford supplies and/or have an unexpected start to their menstrual periods, this contributes to feeling uncomfortable, embarrassed and insecure in school<sup>2</sup>. In addition, menstrual supplies are very expensive and so this helps all students, particularly those of lower economic status. In addition, research has shown that Latina and Black students often have a harder time accessing menstrual supplies. The supplies will be provided to all students regardless of race, socioeconomic status or any other diversity category.

**We ask for your support for SB0307 and strongly urge a favorable Committee report.**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12117648/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://period.org/uploads/State-of-the-Period-2021.pdf>