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*House Bill 541 - Public Schools - Restocking Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement
Ways and Means Committee*

Dear Chair Wilkins and the Ways and Means Committee,

The Maryland Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) supports House Bill 541, which requires each county board of education to regularly restock menstrual hygiene product dispensers in public schools.

Previously established mandates of dispenser installations and the provision of products at no charge to students is greatly appreciated. However, without a statutory requirement for continued maintenance and restocking, that mandate is incomplete. House Bill 541 closes that gap by explicitly requiring dispensers in women's restrooms to be regularly restocked.

Consistent access to menstrual products removes a significant barrier to education and addresses an overlooked public health need within our public schools. This bill guarantees that the mandate practically serves the students it was originally intended to support. With the enactment of this legislation, Maryland will be able to maintain its position as a national leader in common-sense, practical policy and to continue efforts to combat period poverty.

For those reasons, we respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 541.

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Qamryn Askew
Legislative Chair, MYAC