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Ways and Means Committee Bill HB0541

To whom it may concern,

I support bill HB0541 for public school restocking menstrual hygiene products, required in K-12.

Through my work with the Women's Giving Circle of Howard County I have seen first-hand the need for these products and the impact that access has on the community. In 2019 my daughters, along with a group of other young women in Howard County schools, elected to run a period product drive as part of the Young Women's Giving Circle.

As a result, there are now donation boxes throughout Howard County. This is not enough to cover the need and provide easy accessibility to necessary products.

Period products are a necessity, not a luxury. My young adult daughters, and women everywhere, deserve this. A woman should not have to decide between eating and buying period products or have to miss school or work due to not having products.

I urge you to vote for this bill.

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