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To:

Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins, Chair

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Ways and Means Committee

The Maryland Women's Caucus proudly supports HB 541, Public Schools – Restocking Menstrual Hygiene Products – Requirement.

HB 541 requires each county board of education to ensure that menstrual hygiene product dispensers in women's restrooms in public schools are regularly restocked.

This legislation addresses a fundamental issue of equity and student well-being. Access to menstrual hygiene products is essential for students to participate fully and confidently in the school day. When dispensers go empty, students may miss class time, experience embarrassment, or face unnecessary stress that interferes with their learning.

The Maryland Women's Caucus is committed to advancing policies that remove barriers to educational access and promote dignity in our schools. Ensuring that existing dispensers are consistently stocked is a practical, commonsense step that strengthens prior investments and guarantees that students receive the intended benefit.

Regular restocking promotes health, reduces stigma, and ensures that no student is disadvantaged due to lack of access to basic necessities. HB 541 reinforces Maryland's commitment to educational equity and student support.

For these reasons, the Maryland Women's Caucus respectfully urges a favorable report on HB 541.