

Dear Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

My name is Will Cunningham and I live in Portland, Maine. I am writing to you today to ask that you support LD 348: An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools.

Many students in Maine, especially those affected by discrimination such as queer teens and other minority groups, have difficulties accessing menstrual products. It does not take much work to understand how those students lacking access to much-needed menstrual products can see the quality of their education suffer greatly as a consequence.

While I do not personally need menstrual products, many of my friends do. In fact, in general about half the world does. Not every person who menstruates uses the women's bathroom, and so the fact that this bill would ensure menstrual products are available in all school bathrooms would allow all students of all gender presentations and backgrounds equal access to the menstrual products they need.

In order to increase the quality of life and education for Maine students, I hope that you choose to support LD 348. Providing access to menstrual products in all school bathrooms will help ensure the education of our future generations is disseminated effectively to all students. Thank you for your consideration and your time.