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**TO: Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs**  
**FROM: Maine Principals' Association Legislative Committee**  
**RE: In Support of LD 452: An Act To Require Certain Schools to Provide Menstrual Products**  
**DATE: April 20, 2021**

Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Dr. Holly Couturier and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Principals' Association – Professional Division. We represent more than 800 PreK-12 principals and assistant principals of public and private schools in Maine.

The MPA Legislative Committee fully supports LD 452. Many of our schools have students with people who menstruate – or start menstruating while in school, and it is the responsibility of the schools to make sure that the students have the products they may need easily accessible and at no cost to the student.

We have two cautions to this bill for you to consider: by isolating the accessibility of these menstrual products to only those schools who have grades 6 – 12, the bill does not take into account those students who begin menstruating at an earlier age. We want to make sure that these products are available to these students as well at no cost.

The other caution is the specific location of the products. We want to make sure that the products are made available to students at no cost, however we need to make sure that the location of these products are in areas that make the most sense to run the school and keep the students comfortable.

The MPA strongly urges the Committee to vote Ought To Pass on LD 452.

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