



November 30, 2023

Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Subject: Support for Bill 42-23 - Access to Menstrual Hygiene Products

Dear Members of the Montgomery County Council,

On behalf of the Alliance for Period Supplies, I am writing to express our strong support for Bill 42-23, which aims to provide greater access to menstrual hygiene products in Montgomery County. This crucial initiative aligns with our mission to ensure that individuals experiencing period poverty have equitable access to essential menstrual hygiene products.

The Alliance for Period Supplies is comprised of over 120 independent nonprofit organizations across 37 states and Washington, D.C. that collect, warehouse, and distribute period products to those in need.

The advancement of equitable access to menstrual products is vital for ensuring the health and dignity of those that reside in the county. In addition to resource costs, a lack of access to menstrual products can also cause serious health issues, including emotional duress, physical infection, and disease. Inadequate menstrual support is also associated with other health and psycho-social issues, particularly among low-income people.

Bill 42-23 represents a critical step towards addressing period poverty by requiring public facilities within Montgomery County to provide free menstrual hygiene products. This measure will make a profound difference in the lives of individuals who struggle to afford these basic necessities. By ensuring that these products are readily available in public restrooms, we not only uphold human dignity but also promote inclusivity and equity within our community.

The Alliance for Period Supplies commends the Montgomery County Council for considering this important legislation. We firmly believe that access to menstrual hygiene products should be a right, not a privilege, and this bill aligns with our vision of creating a society where no one faces barriers to accessing these essential items.

We urge the Montgomery County Council to pass Bill 42-23 and set a precedent for other communities to follow. By doing so, you will positively impact the lives of countless individuals in Montgomery County and contribute to a more just and equitable society.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We stand ready to support and collaborate with you in any way possible to ensure the successful passage and implementation of this essential legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lacey Gero". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Lacey Gero
Director of Government Relations
Alliance for Period Supplies