



August 2026

Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor
Executive Chamber, State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

RE: Access to Menstrual Products in Public Buildings

Dear Governor Hochul,

As a member of the New York State Public Employees Federation (PEF), I urge you to approve legislation recently passed by both houses of the State Legislature requiring that menstrual products be provided at no cost in buildings owned or leased by the state under the control of the Office of General Services (OGS) and deemed to be open to the public (S.3866-B by Sen. Hinchey/A.1740-A by Asm. Rosenthal).

This bill would also require that two years after the effective date of the law, a report would be issued with the number of total facilities covered by the law and the cost of implementation. This bill would be an extension of the current law which provides free menstrual products at schools, correctional facilities and temporary housing facilities.

This bill provides equity for those who menstruate, as many have reported missing days of work or school or being late as a result of unexpected menstruation or an inability to access menstrual products. By making menstrual products free at public buildings, New York would be providing a needed service. This proposal would benefit many members of the public, from those who work in the buildings to others who are visiting or conducting business at the location.

It is for these reasons that I urge you to sign this legislation into law.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____