



December 14, 2016

The Honorable Cristina Garcia
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Suite 2013
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 10 (Garcia) Feminine hygiene products: adequate supply: school and college bathrooms and shelters
AAP-CA Position: Support

Dear Assemblymember Garcia:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing 5,000 California pediatricians strongly supports AB 10 (Garcia), a bill that would require the K-12 system, public universities, and emergency housing and domestic violence shelters to maintain an adequate supply of feminine products for female occupants. AB 10 would provide expanded access to these necessary products for millions of women in California.

The cost of feminine hygiene products, including the sales tax, disproportionately affects women with lower incomes, including teens, since it is a higher percentage of their total income. This legislation would put medically-necessary feminine hygiene products within reach of young women in school and women in vulnerable and high-stress circumstances, such as shelters and emergency housing. These populations are most in need of access to a basic commodity that is vital for the healthy development of youth.

California pediatricians support AB 10 and thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and well-being of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

Kris Calvin

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kris E. Calvin" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chief Executive Officer
American Academy of Pediatrics, California

CC: Stuart Cohen, MD AAP-CA Chair; Lydia Bourne, AAP-CA Legislative Advocate; AAP-CA Leadership