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H. R. 2478

To increase the availability of menstrual products in certain public buildings, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. Meng introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Menstrual Products
- 5 in Federal Buildings Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS.
- 7 (a) Requirement.—Each appropriate authority
- 8 shall ensure that menstrual products are stocked in, and
- 9 available free of charge in, each covered restroom in each

- 1 covered public building under the jurisdiction of such au-2 thority.
- 3 (b) Definitions.—In this section:

- (1) APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY.—The term "appropriate authority" means the head of a Federal agency, the Architect of the Capitol, or other official authority responsible for the operation of a covered public building.
 - (2) COVERED PUBLIC BUILDING.—The term "covered public building" means a public building, as defined in section 3301 of title 40, United States Code, that is open to the public and contains a public restroom, and includes a building listed in section 6301 or 5101 of such title.
 - (3) COVERED RESTROOM.—The term "covered restroom" means a restroom in a covered public building, except for a restroom designated solely for use by men.
 - (4) MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS.—The term "menstrual products" means sanitary napkins and tampons that conform to applicable industry standards.