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Chairman Gregg Harper
Committee on House Administration
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Chairman Harper:

I'm writing today to ask that you immediately reverse the Committee on House Administration's policy barring the use of funds to purchase feminine hygiene products. My office purchased a box of tampons for constituents, staff, and other visitors. The office then received notification that this was not a permissible purchase. I have now written a personal check to reimburse the office.

The Members' Representational Allowance (MRA) can be used to purchase other necessary hygienic products including tissues and hand sanitizer. With that in mind, it is simply outrageous that the Committee's policy bars the use of funds for another necessary hygienic product.

Using office funds to purchase feminine hygiene products is common practice in the private sector and elsewhere in the public sector. There's no legitimate reason to prevent it here in the House of Representatives.

We're finally having long-overdue discussions regarding women's rights in this institution. This is part of that discussion. Please immediately rescind this policy. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Sean Patrick Maloney
Member of Congress

CC Robert Brady, Ranking Member, Committee on House Administration