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TITLE: Free Menstrual and Safe Sex Supplies in Underclassman Dorms

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Whereas, the Student Government Association (SGA) of Middlebury College supports feminine hygiene, menstrual equity and safe sex practices;

Whereas, tampons and pads are not luxuries, but necessities that should be available to all who need them;

Whereas the pilot program instituted by the SGA Sexual & Relationship Respect Committee that distributed pads, tampons, condoms, dental dams, and lubricant to all freshman dorms was carried out effectively and successfully;

Whereas these products enable students of all gender identities and sexual orientations to have the necessary menstrual and safe sex materials;

Whereas Parton Health Center and other public spaces are not open 24/7 to provide tampons, pads, and condoms to students;

Whereas better access to female hygiene and contraceptives to the student body has the potential to improve the quality of life of students and the overall Middlebury College experience;

Whereas Parton Health Center, Facilities, and Residential Life at Middlebury have agreed to aid and support this initiative;

Therefore, be enacted...

That, every first-year and sophomore dorms will have free pads, tampons, condoms, dental dams, and lubricant

That, Parton Health Center will purchase condoms, dental dams, and lubricant for all freshman and sophomore dorms

That, these safe sex supplies will be kept in all commons offices so that FYC's and RA's can distribute them as needed on every freshman and sophomore hall throughout the year

That, Facilities will install and restock pad and tampon dispensers in sophomore housing

Respectfully Submitted,
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