

Good afternoon Committee Chair Matthew Hall and Tax Policy Committee Members,

My name is Andrew Yang, and I am a Michigan resident and a full time student in the University of Michigan based in Detroit, Michigan. Today I am pleased to voice my support for Michigan House Bills 5267 and 4270.

Hygiene is an essential part of a necessity for any human alive. It makes no sense for the tampon tax to exist when it is an essential part of women's hygiene and tax gives people the impression that pads and tampons are intrinsically different from other essential products like toothbrushes and toilet paper, when in reality, they are necessary.

With your support of these House Bills, I believe Michigan has the potential to improve equality for both sexes and remove the tampon tax that has limited women's access to hygiene. Thank you.