

Hello Committee!

My name is April Mueller. I am a senior in the College of Education Michigan State University and a lifelong resident of the state of Michigan.

I am voicing my support for Michigan House Bills 5267 and 4270 in support of repealing the tax on menstrual hygiene products in Michigan. As a future educator and current student, I understand the struggle of being in school and getting distracted by the interruption of a period and needing an essential product that allows me to be comfortable and continue with my school day. I have been an advocate for accessibility to menstrual hygiene products for those in need, as they are unavoidable basic necessities. It is imperative to have access to products that support our basic needs in order to be successful and support basic functions.

The current tax on essential menstrual products, like pads and tampons, inhibits access to basic hygienic needs. Having a tax on products such as these implies that they are not a necessity, when in reality they are. There is no opting out of a period.

I believe that Michigan is a state that believes in supporting their residents to the best of its ability, so I urge you today to support an increasingly equitable tax system by supporting Bills 5267 and 4270.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today as we continue to make Michigan better.