

Written Testimonies for HB 5267 and 4270

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As a resident of the great state of Michigan and a senior at Cass Technical High School, I am incredibly proud to support House Bill 5267 and 4270. According to a May 2021 study, nearly 1 in 4 students in the United States struggled to purchase period products or were not able to purchase them at all this year. Another study shows that 4 of 5 students have missed class or know someone who has because of lack of access to period products. 61% of students have worn a tampon or pad for more than four hours because they did not have enough access to period products, which puts them at risk of infection and disease. Menstrual products are vital for medical security. Why should Viagra be more affordable than pads, when both are used for health reasons? Many of our peers, colleagues, teachers, and children need access to these necessities. They're just as important as bandages and condoms, yet so many people struggle to afford them. This is a part of many people's health. On top of struggling to feed their children and pay their bills, so many low-income families are put at a disadvantage due to the tampon tax when struggling to afford menstrual products to combat something they can't control. Please agree to support our community by repealing the tampon tax to help students, parents, teachers, women, and families get the medical support they need.

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