

## **Testimony for Michigan House Bills 5267 and 4270**

I am a resident of the state of Michigan and a Nursing student at Macomb community college and Wayne State University. I am incredibly proud to support House bills 5267 and 4270. As a woman and a college student I know that many students go without period products because they simply cannot afford them. Having to pay a tax on something that is medically necessary is a huge burden. Women should not have to pay extra of their hard-earned money on taxes for something they have no control over. Think about your daughters, mothers and sisters that have had to pay taxes on their period products for 39 years. During your period you use roughly an 18-count box of tampons, some maybe more. Women have to pay a tax on a medical necessity that they need for over 30 years and around 12 boxes of tampons for a full year definitely adds up over an almost 40-year span. Menopause happens at around the age of 51, so depending on how early you start your period you could be spending an obscene amount of money. I am a 24-year-old woman and I started my period when I was 12 years old; I have already spent over \$60 on taxes just for tampons, that doesn't even include pads or pantliners. Tampons are already expensive on their own without an added tax. I urge you to support these bills as women all over the country are going without simply because they cannot afford them. Nobody should have to bleed all over themselves because they cannot afford period products. There is such a large gender gap between men and women on a daily basis already, please support these bills to help close the gap between us.

Thank you.

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