

As a proud resident of Michigan, an even prouder resident of Detroit, and a student at Cass Technical High School, I am beyond honored to be in support of 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... that is a problem. A problem that bleeds into more, two of which being the absence of girls from school and menstruators resorting to hazardous means of collecting blood.

The inaccessibility of these medical necessities is unethical to the first degree.

I live in a city known to host thousands of impoverished families. Those families deserve relief from this tax that places a financial barrier between them and their bodies. They, and everyone like them, deserve access to managing their period without shame.

Millions across this state are being punished for having a “biological disadvantage.” It’s time, and essential, for that to change because a tax on periods is a tax on our bodies.

I challenge and highly encourage every member of this committee to unanimously support the bills presented today, for your children, for their friends, for your spouses, and for the millions who deserve to menstruate with dignity.

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