

My name is Emily Rapp, and I am a lifelong Michigan resident who believes the tampon tax needs to be repealed.

I am writing today to voice my support for Michigan House Bills 5267 and 4270. As a woman who happens to live in a house with three other women, I am no stranger to the cost that comes with women's hygiene needs. But fortunately, my family is in a position to be able to afford these necessities. Not all women are in the same position. We all have a right to basic hygiene that allows us to feel clean when going to work, going shopping, and taking our kids to school. Other products such as toothpaste and deodorant do not carry this tax, however, they fill the same basic need. It is time that we stop discriminating against women by taxing products that are part of basic hygiene.

I work for Carhartt, a Michigan based retail company, and am able to meet with the hardworking consumers that wear the brand. I have met so many hard working women in Michigan who propel our economy forward. With your support, these hardworking Michigan women will not have to feel the stress of purchasing pads and tampons and will be able to afford them more easily.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you all today. I urge you to support these bills unanimously today.

Sincerely,
Emily Rapp