

Good Representative Brabec, Representative Rabhi, and Representative Pohutsky,

My name is Claire Liu. I am a currently Ann Arbor resident and student at UM School of Public Health. I, in addition, serve as the Rackham Student Government Vice President and Central Student Government Rackham Representative, where I represent over 9,000 graduate students in all affairs.

Today I am writing to you as a woman of color and a former collegiate athlete, and am voicing my support for Michigan House Bills 5267 and 4270. The task at hand today is to think about the women in our lives and what truly is a “necessity” for them. Supplies like toothpaste, deodorant, and toilet paper are each items that a woman relies on to maintain her basic hygiene. These are items she needs to feel clean in her home, at her place of work, and with the people around her. Items she needs so that she isn’t turned away from a job interview or looked at with disgust in the grocery store. The current tax upholds that pads and tampons are intrinsically different from these other products, when in reality, they are just as necessary. The only difference is that these products are only needed by women for their personal hygiene.

Let’s join the ranks of states like Oregon, Illinois, Florida, and Connecticut that have effectively ended the tampon tax. Michigan is a state characterized by our work ethic and drive. With your support of these House Bills, we can continue to be trailblazers by making our tax system even more equitable.

Thank you for your time. I urge you to support these bills unanimously today.

Best,
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