

Proponent Testimony for Michigan House Bills 5267 and 4270

Representative Matt Hall and all committee members thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 5267 and 4270.

As a resident of Michigan and a high school student at Washtenaw International High School, I am proud to voice my support of these bills. They affirm the fact that menstrual products are medical necessities and that taxing these essential products creates an undue burden for women.

Menstrual products are necessary for the health of women, both physically and mentally. Barriers to menstrual products are associated with emotional distress. Studies have shown that lack of access to menstrual products is associated with anxiety, embarrassment, and fear of stigma.

Additionally, taxing menstrual products has an adverse effect on the health of women. The risk of physical infection and disease increases when menstrual products become less accessible. Potential medical issues that can arise include, but are not limited to, cervical cancer and infertility.

Taxing menstrual products creates an undue burden for women - mothers, sisters, and daughters. By supporting House Bill 5267 and 4270 you would be making a more just tax system.

Thank you again Representative Matt Hall and all committee members for the opportunity to testify.

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