

A written testimony for October 9, 2017.

Bill Number: HB 61

Specific Issue: Amend section 5739.02 of the Ohio Revised Code

Subject Matter: Proposed change to exempt from sales tax the sale of tampons and other feminine hygiene products associated with menstruation.

To: Chairman Schaffer, Vice Chairman Scherer, Ranking Member Rogers, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 61, which will exempt from sales and use tax the sale of tampons and other hygiene products related to menstruation. As it is well known, the majority of the female population is afflicted with monthly menstrual cycles. It is an unpleasant burden that they must bear to ensure the survival of the human race. It is a physical condition that needs managed in order for women to remain fully functional in occupational and other settings. I am fortunate to be privileged enough that the burden of these costs have not significantly impacted me, but a huge amount of women live in poverty and we owe it to them to make these products as low cost and available as we can so, that they can work and live with dignity.

Sincerely,

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