

To: Members of the Senate Education Finance and Education Policy Committees From:

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Chair Cwodzinski, Chair Kunesh, and committee members, my name is Karishma Rebello and I am a freshman at Minnetonka High School. I provide this statement in support of SF50, which would provide access to menstrual products in Minnesota school bathrooms.

The access to free menstrual products in school bathrooms is an important step to make sure that menstruating students are able to be completely present in school. By having access to period products, students will be able to feel comfortable in school. A few weeks ago, my cousin went to the bathroom and realized that she had gotten her period. She then had to return back to class to get a pad, but her teacher did not let her leave class again because she had just gone to the bathroom. My cousin then told him that she had gotten her period, and then he allowed her to leave. This could have all been avoided if she had access to free menstruating products in the bathroom.