

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

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Chair Cwodzinski, Chair Kunesh, and committee members, my name is Robin Phillips and I am the executive director of The Advocates for Human Rights, headquartered in Minneapolis. I provide this statement in support of SF50, which would provide access to menstrual products in Minnesota school bathrooms.

Equal access to education and health are fundamental human rights. Recent data indicate that nearly one in five girls has missed school because of lack of access to menstrual products. Removing this barrier to full access to education is a relatively small effort that will have a big impact.