

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 Track Trachtenberg and I am a Minneapolis resident and former staff member in a Minneapolis high school. I provide this statement in support of SF50, which would provide access to menstrual products in Minnesota school bathrooms.

Putting free period products in bathrooms will enable all menstruating students to feel comfortable and focus on school. As a former youth worker, I know that it was disruptive and embarrassing for students to not have menstrual products when they needed them - either because they forgot or because they couldn't afford them. No student should have their learning disrupted, or risk missing school, because they have their period. I am eager for us to reach a world where menstrual products are like soap and toilet paper - an automatic thing that each restroom should have.

I am also hopeful that once this bill is passed, it is implemented in a way that reaches all students who menstruate, and therefore there are some products included in gender-neutral and boy's restrooms as well. All students deserve to have their basic needs met at school.