

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my support for HB3294.

The alternative high school that I work at has a clothes closet, food pantry, and hygiene supply for students. In stocking our hygiene supplies, a young male teacher commented, surprised, about the need to stock feminine hygiene products. "It's really that big of a deal!?" he asked. Unless you have had an accident in class, used wads of toilet paper as a pad, or had to throw out pants because of a stain, I suppose it's difficult for men to understand the need. It's pretty hard to focus on class when you're worried about a menstrual leak. Our female staff understand, and we currently keep our bathrooms stocked with products we purchase ourselves, with our own money. Tampons and pads are about .12 to .20. a piece. While, individually this may not seem like a lot, we each spend as much as \$50 a year keeping the supply available for our students--both for at school and to take home. Schools supply toilet paper for students--we should supply these products as well. The cost is worth the benefit.

Thank you for your time,
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