

Hello Committee,

It is an honor to support this bill to provide menstrual products for all menstruating students in Oregon. Many mistakenly believe that period poverty is only experienced in the developing world, however that is not the case. Period poverty is rampant in Oregon and throughout the United States. A majority of students have either missed class due to menstruation or know someone who has missed class due to menstruation. By providing products in public schools, menstruators will be able to fully engage in their education, extra-curricular activities, and critical school-based wrap-around services for students experiencing need.

PERIOD is a national organization who proudly calls Oregon home. We know Oregon can be a leader in public education, gender equity and equity. We thank Rep. Ruiz for bringing this bill and working with community members to craft a thoughtful, impactful new policy for all Oregon students.

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