

Testimony of Maeve Nichols (written only)
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Taxation-supporting
SB 435

My name is Maeve Nichols. I am a junior at Free State High School in Lawrence, Kansas, and founding member of Honor Moon. Honor Moon is a non-profit organization that provides menstrual products—free of charge and free of judgment – to our community. Through product drives and financial donations, we provide menstrual products in Lawrence’s high school bathrooms and period pantries for our community.

Nearly 1 in 5 women claim to have to choose between necessities such as food, bills and clothing instead of buying menstrual products. The money spent on medical needs such as menstrual products, diapers and incontinence products. SB 435 is a bipartisan measure that will provide a sales tax exemption for the listed items. For an organization like ours, buying products in such large amounts can become expensive when providing for two high schools and portable period pantries. Exempting this tax will be a step closer to having products more accessible for everyone.

While being a part of Honor Moon and attending highschool I have learned that being in such an impactful group can make people who have periods less scared. On the first day of my junior year, I was introducing freshmen to the new world of highschool and one student asked me if I was a part of Honor Moon. Timidly, I said yes not knowing what was coming next. As she openly told me she had started her period in her new

white shorts we both retreated to the bathroom. As I was waiting for her to come back to the group I knew at least I had done one thing right. The feeling of having someone so young come up to you in such a vulnerable manner is rewarding. Raising money and awareness through fun events helps to minimize the stigma associated with having periods and helps us stock our schools and pantries. Being a part of Honor Moon is one of the best decisions of my life. Honor Moon hopes to impact many others lives with SB 435. This is why I ask the committee to support SB 435. Thank you.