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SB 435

Proponent

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Dear Chairperson Tyson & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my support of SB 435 to remove taxation on diapers, period products and incontinence products. In the field of menstrual equity, this is an issue affecting your average citizens every day. These products are necessary and connected to safety, health, education and workforce development.

It will be beneficial to pass this and help lift a financial burden for Kansas citizens. These items are medically necessary and should be treated as such. Every Kansas citizen deserves to have their very basic needs met and not have any barriers to obtaining them. Extra taxation on these items creates an unfair disadvantage to those that need these products without any choice of their own. The funds saved over years and years of using these products would be beneficial to everyone. This is a family issue and affects any one that requires a diaper or period products.

Babies need diapers. People that menstruate need period products. We should not have to pay more on these items as if they are a choice to purchase. Everyone deserves the gift of dignity to have their basic needs met.

Thank you,

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