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To: Members of the House Education Policy Committee

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Chair Richardson and members of the committee, my name is Robin Phillips and I am the executive director of The Advocates for Human Rights, headquartered in Minneapolis. I provide this statement in support of HF 2750, which would provide access to menstrual products in Minnesota school bathrooms.

Equal access to education and health are fundamental human rights. Recent data indicate that nearly one in five girls has missed school because of lack of access to menstrual products. Removing this barrier to full access to education is a relatively small effort that will have a big impact.