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To: Members of the House Education Finance and House Education Policy Committees

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Chair Cheryl Youakim, Chair Laurie Pryor and committee members, my name is Taubie Sanders and I am a freshman at the University of Denver and a graduate of Hopkins High School. I provide this statement in support of HF 44, which would provide access to menstrual products in Minnesota school bathrooms.

Putting free period products in bathrooms will enable all menstruating students to have the same educational opportunities as their peers. By having free period products in all Minnesota school bathrooms, menstruators will not have to miss extensive amounts of class and stigma surrounding menstruation will be lessened. Myself and my peers have all dealt with negative and embarrassing menstruation experiences in school that have interfered with our education and put us at a disadvantage. With free period products in school bathrooms these experiences would not exist.