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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 Larissa Gust and I am a senior at Delano Senior High School. I provide this statement in support of HF 2750, which would provide access to menstrual products in Minnesota school bathrooms.

The only place I am able to get free products is in the nurse's office at the front of my school. When I was in 7th grade I got my period for the first time. I was not expecting it and didn't really know what to do, so I asked my teacher if I could visit the nurses office. I was on the complete opposite end of the school and had to walk with toilet paper for a pad. This affected my ability to fully engage in school because I was worried about how many pads I would need that day, where I could get them that was close to my classes, and how I was going to catch up with the math lesson I missed because I had to walk all the way across the school for a pad.