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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 Amanda Adams and I am a social studies teacher at Eagan High School in Eagan Minnesota. I also have the privilege of advising our Women's Empowerment group. I provide this statement in support of HF 2750, which would provide access to menstrual products in Minnesota school

This is an issue that we have successfully lobbied for in our school that was extended into a program across the entirety of ISD 196. A group of motivated young women created a presentation that was made to our executive board and was able to secure a grant from our district foundation to support these efforts. Free menstrual products are now available at all schools in our district. The feedback I have received from my students and staff has been a mix of relief and gratitude. It is essential for those that menstruate to be able to have equitable access to these products. This not only normalizes this conversation this but helps to support student success and minimize barriers.