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To: Kansas House of Representatives
Attn: Committee on Taxation
c/o Representative Vic Miller

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Re: Written Testimony - House Bill 2461

To the Chair, Vice Chair, Ranking Member, and Members:

My name is Ford Miller, and I am a Kansas voter. I urge you to pass House Bill 2461. Eliminating sales tax on critical hygienic necessities can only improve the lives of Kansans, especially the most vulnerable among us. Continuing to tax those items enumerated in subsection (oooo) is, frankly, discriminatory.

For example, those who menstruate only constitute a (significant) fraction of the population, yet they are saddled with a tax burden on top of the cost of the product itself, to manage an unavoidable anatomical event they have not chosen. Further, lack of access to period products can lead impoverished Kansas to turn to unsanitary and unsafe alternatives. This is a public health issue, as well as an issue of treating all our citizens fairly.

But it's not just period products. Consider also single parents struggling to afford expensive diapers for their children. Especially in the light of the public health crisis of the past several years, please vote to pass this bill and make Kansas healthier.

Thank you,
Ford T. Miller