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In Writing

My Name is Kate Wren and I am in 11th grade at Notre Dame de Sion High School. I am contacting your team as a proponent of HB211. Period poverty and food insecurity are perpetually dominant in our everyday life whether we like to admit it or not. The number one thing that exemplifies this problem is taxing bare necessities for survival such as menstrual products, food, and diapers. Without the supplies to properly address a menstrual cycle, women under the poverty line are very well prevented from getting jobs and attending classes, consequently preventing thousands of menstruators from participating in society. Children without diapers risk numerous infections, especially when exposed to poverty. By forcing people into poverty in order to pay for basic needs, we are denying people their basic human rights and autonomy. My own extended family has been turning a blind eye to this issue, refusing to admit these taxes (specifically the one targeting menstrual products) are still enforced in Kansas. Spreading awareness about this subject is crucial if we are to truly put our money where our mouths are and stick up for the values Kansans claim to uphold- The values that strive for equality and equity for all, and the values that claim to uplift those in poverty. For these reasons, we ask that you help bring this bill forward in the Senate. Doing so would finally promote equality for citizens across our state.