

Ask any woman you know.

# HAVING A PERIOD IS NOT A LUXURY.

The required feminine products should not be taxed like one.

## IT'S TIME TO END THE PAD & TAMPON TAX IN NC!

HB 595 - An Act to Exempt Certain Hygiene Products from Sales Tax

SB 614 - Feminine Hygiene Product Sales Tax Exemption

SB 832 - An Act to Achieve Menstrual Equity by Exempting Certain Feminine Hygiene Products from Sales Tax

SB 852 - An Act to Exempt Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers, and Groceries from Sales Tax



Women have no choice in whether or not to purchase feminine products. As of today, 24 states do not tax on feminine care products, including Nebraska, Michigan, Louisiana, and Florida. **Let's join our neighbors and make North Carolina the 25th!**



With inflation running at 6.8% in 2021, removing the sales tax on feminine products right now will essentially make these products the same cost they were a year ago.



Even before the pandemic,<sup>2</sup> North Carolina women and girls struggled to buy adequate menstrual supplies. Nationally, one-third of low-income women and girls miss school or work due to insufficient period supplies. Feminine products cannot be purchased with SNAP and other benefit programs.



It makes no sense that our pads are taxed at the same rate as our handbags, PERIOD.<sup>3</sup> The legislature has delineated hundreds of items that are specifically excluded from the sales and use tax in North Carolina, and there's no reason feminine products should not be another one. Let's show that government can still work in a common sense, bipartisanship manner on issues that matter.



North Carolina has a \$6.2 billion budget surplus. The tax levied on feminine products amounts to \$8 million annually out of the pockets of North Carolina's females, a meaningful amount to them, but a mere .129% of the State's budget surplus.

[1] See periodlaw.org. [2] See Alliance For Period Supplies. [3] See § 105-164.13 in its entirety for a list of the items currently designated by the legislature as exempt from the state sales tax. See, e.g., Id. (4g) (excluding qualifying woodchippers from the sales tax).

