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Dear Chairman Smith, Vice-Chairman Mason, Ranking Minority Member Gartner, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 2461, which would eliminate sales tax on necessary health care items. The importance of hygiene and cleanliness is immeasurable in the context of school, work, and personal comfort.

From a young age, I was taught that differences in wealth can sometimes mean a difference in the way that people appear. My teachers and role models encouraged me to be sensitive to others that may not be able to afford shampoo, bodywash, or deodorant. Though all of these things are important, what surprised me the most was when I learned that there are people that menstruate that, because they can not afford feminine hygiene products, resort to unsanitary and ultimately unsafe methods of maintaining their appearance.

Though cleanliness is important in the eyes of employers and teachers, and this has to be taken into consideration, at the end of the day, eliminating the sales tax on adult hygiene products is a step toward unbiased societal health.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

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