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

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

RE: HB 2461

It is being brought to the committee's attention, through the above-referenced bill, that Kansas should eliminate the tax on feminine personal hygiene products in addition to deodorant, adult dignity products, diapers and any other items which could be categorized as necessary products in one's everyday life / "health-goods".

It is my understanding that there are items that are currently tax free because they fall under the category of "health-goods", i.e., condoms, sunscreens, lubricants and nicotine patches in addition to medications.

If these types of products are considered "health-goods", then why would the products listed in HB 2461 not also fall under the same category of "health-goods", and then be tax free?

Feminine personal hygiene products along with deodorant, adult dignity products, and diapers (just to name a few), should **most definitely** fall under the category of "health-goods" as these items are a **necessity** in one's everyday life at some point in one's lifetime. I cannot understand how condoms and lubricants would be considered a "health-good" and/or necessity in one's everyday life and the items listed in HB 2461 are not! Seems a bit sexist that condoms and lubricants are considered "health-goods" and feminine hygiene products, at the very least, are not.

I would ask that you strongly consider passing HB 2461 and eliminate the taxation on the products it references as the items listed should most definitely fall under the non-taxed items listed as "health-goods", as all of the items most definitely are "health-goods" and a necessity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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