

Testimony in favor of HB 1282
By Cory Thrall, Bismarck resident

I am in favor of HB 1282 which removes taxes from feminine products. Feminine products are necessary items for all menstruating women. That simple fact means that all menstruating women need feminine products as a part of their natural, human, lives, it is egregious that all women have to pay taxes on item that are necessary to their natural existence. These items are taxed as if they were luxury items - items that are not required but are optional.

In our state necessary items are free from tax because they are essential to our existence as humans. Many food items and other necessities fall under this category. One of the items that falls under the category of "necessity" is sunflower seeds. Sunflower seeds are good and they are often a product from our own North Dakota farmers, but a necessity? A necessity on the level of a woman who is menstruating and needs to go to work and can only do so because feminine products make it possible while she menstruating? I think not.

I am asking you to support HB 1282 for the sake of every women in our state who absolutely relies on feminine products to live, work and survive because they need feminine products to do so. Please, stop the taxation of these necessary products.

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