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June 15, 2016

Senator Robert Hertzberg, Chair
Senate Committee on Governance and Finance
State Capitol, Room 408
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1561 – SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS • SUPPORT •

Dear Senator Hertzberg,

Along with my colleagues, I am pleased to support Assembly Bill 1561 (Garcia/Chang), which will provide tax relief to millions of California women by exempting feminine hygiene products from sales and use tax.

Feminine hygiene products are not a luxury item, but rather a necessary and costly expense for many women and girls. Collectively, women pay approximately \$20 million to the government every year in taxes on these products. This cost can be particularly burdensome for middle to low-income women and families. Unfortunately, despite the recovering economy, there are many taxpayers in my district who continue to live paycheck to paycheck and struggle just to purchase basic necessities, including feminine hygiene products.

AB 1561 will help to ease the financial burden for women and their families. Therefore, I urge your "aye" vote when the bill is heard in your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Runner".

GEORGE RUNNER
1st District

cc: Assemblymember Garcia
Assemblymember Chang
Scott Chavez, Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus