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SB21-255 Free Menstrual Hygiene Products To Students

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<p>Geoff Davis</p> <p>For</p> <p>Period Kits</p>	<p>My name is Geoff Davis and I am the founder of an organization based in Denver called Period Kits.</p> <p>At Period Kits we envision a world where anyone who has a period has dependable and consistent access to the products they need when they need them.</p> <p>With the help of our donors, we provide "kits" that provide period products to those experiencing homelessness, unstable housing, and extreme poverty.</p> <p>I just have two stories that highlight the need for SB21-225 is so critical, especially now. In January of 2021 we received an email from a mother in Commerce City who was requesting period supplies for her 13-year-old daughter. Due to COVID 19, she was unable to work and just wanted some products for her child. We got her a couple of kits and then she wrote us thank you letter that stated:</p> <p>“You have no idea what this means to us, my daughter will have hygiene products that work for her, with not working right now I can at least know my daughter is gonna be ok and to see her smile like she did over underwear the pads and even the bag is PRICELESS</p> <p>THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT OUR GIRLS!!!!!!”</p> <p>In the first quarter of 2020, we received a phone call from a health aide at Brighton High school in Adams County, they were requesting some period kits as soon as possible. They were extremely concerned about the issue of period poverty at this time because they had a 14-year-old in their office who, because of not being able to afford these products, was rationing them and was changing her tampon every other day.</p> <p>Period Kits is one hundred percent in favour of this bill, our youth need help with an issue that they have no control over.</p>

