



The Georgia STOMP (Stop Tax On Menstrual Products) coalition, currently comprised of 18 organizations with a reach of more than 36,000, coalesced to address **menstrual equity** and to reduce or eliminate the effects of **period poverty** in Georgia.

The period poverty issues addressed by the coalition are:

- Access following a natural disaster
- Access in prison facilities throughout the state
- Student access in Georgia's public schools

These are separate from the equity issue of the discriminatory sales tax on menstrual products in Georgia.



Georgia Menstrual Product State Sales Tax Exemption Bill

The average woman has her period for 2,535 days of her life, which means Georgia assesses a special 7-year tax on the healthy experience of having a period.

- Under current Georgia law, menstrual products are taxed at the full 4%.
- They are not optional purchases and are required for good health. These FDA Class 2 medical devices are unavoidable necessities.
- There is no male equivalent.
- This is an issue of discrimination and inequity, that can be solved with less than a .01% affect to the state's budget.
- This tax is assessed on women, who are already financially disadvantaged in our state.
 - 1 in 5 Georgia women live in poverty (20% vs 12% of Georgia men)¹
 - 2/3 of minimum wage jobs are held by women²
 - Women in Georgia make 81% of what men make.²
- Menstrual products should be exempt from state taxes like groceries, prescriptions, personal medical devices, hearing aids and prosthetics. This tax is discriminatory and should be eliminated.
- States where exempt: Florida, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, California, Ohio, and the District of Columbia
 - States with no sales tax: AL, DE, NH, MN, OR

¹ Kaiser Family Foundation

² National Women's Law Center