**SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER SB 59 (Skinner) – Equity, Period**

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[DATE]

The Honorable [Senator/Assemblymember First Name Last Name], Chair

Senate/Assembly Committee Name

Street Address, Suite XX

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 59 (Skinner), Equity, Period – (SUPPORT)**

Dear Chair [LAST NAME]:

On behalf of [Organization’s name], I am writing in **SUPPORT** of **Senate Bill (SB) 59 – Equity, Period**.SB 59 will ensure equitable access to period products across California by requiring free period products in state owned or leased buildings, buildings where a state funded safety net program is administered, and hospitals that receive state funding.

[Include a paragraph about your organization specific knowledge of need for this bill]

Anyone who has ever had a period has stories, some of which they are too ashamed to tell, about their period arriving unexpectedly, or not having a tampon or pad accessible. This basic bodily function of over half our state’s population needs to be recognized and acknowledged.

No doubt, California is leading the way for gender equity, but as the Legislature works to further address gender inequities, access to period products must be included in these efforts. SB 59 – Equity, Period – will help to do this by ensuring the state is creating inclusive spaces and have a significant impact on the economic and physical health of the millions of Californians who menstruate. It will do this by requiring that free period products be offered in all women’s restrooms, all-gender restrooms, and in at least one men’s restroom in:

* All state or state-leased buildings;
* All buildings where state-funded safety-net programs are administered; and,
* All hospitals that receive state funding.

The simple act of ensuring access to period products respects an essential bodily function of women and menstruating people across the state, will help reduce the legacy of shame associated with menstruation, and will also improve equity for our workforce and residents.

It is for these reasons, [Name of Organization] is pleased to **SUPPORT** SB 59.

Sincerely,

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