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# Senator Joan Huffman

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## **Senator Joan Huffman Files Senate Bill 379 to Repeal the Sales Tax on Feminine Hygiene Products**

(Austin)— Today, Senator Joan Huffman filed Senate Bill 379 which if passed into law, would repeal the sales tax on feminine hygiene products in Texas. In a show of bi-partisan unity, every female senator has joined Sen. Huffman as Joint-Authors of the bill.

"I am proud to have my fellow female senators signed on as Joint-Authors because it demonstrates how the Texas Senate can work together across the aisle to pass meaningful policy that will positively impact millions of Texans," Huffman said. "There are 24 other states that already exempt tampons and other feminine hygiene products and my goal this session is to have Texas be the 25th, and the catalyst for every other state to follow suit."

According to the Comptroller's office, if passed into law, SB 379 would result in \$28.6 million annually in lost revenue to the state during the next biennium. However, because of conservative fiscal policies, the State of Texas is more than capable of absorbing this revenue loss to provide a lifetime of savings for Texas women.

"Every woman knows that these products are not optional," Huffman said. "They are essential to our health and well-being and should be tax exempt. I am looking forward to passing SB 379 into law and am very grateful for the support from my fellow senators."

*(Senator Joan Huffman represents District 17, which is comprised of Colorado, Jackson, Matagorda, and Wharton County, and portions of Brazoria, Ft. Bend, Harris, and Waller County. Huffman currently serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, Chair of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence, Chair of the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting, Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, and as a senior member of the Senate Committee on Administration, and the Legislative Budget Board.)*

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