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The taxation of products that are utter necessities needs to be removed. Items such as food, diapers, and menstrual hygiene products are essential to survival at its most basic level. How are we to expect people to be able to provide for themselves or their families, to succeed in any area of life, without the basics of hygiene and survival? If construction materials are exempt from taxes in Kansas, why aren't essentials? Needing to eat is natural. Menstruation cycles are natural. Babies' need for diapers is natural. We cannot control the foundational necessity of these items, yet they are taxed as if they are superfluous purchases. We need the government to support and aid us in getting these necessities, not make it harder to obtain them.