

# The Connecticut General Assembly



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Monday, May 23, 2016

Contact: Marta Collazo  
(860) 240-8637

## **REP. CANDELARIA APPLAUDS END OF TAXING FEMININE PRODUCTS**

**Representative Juan Candelaria** (D-New Haven) is pleased to announce legislation he championed eliminating the taxing of feminine hygiene products was adopted in Senate Bill #502.

“It is inconceivable to me that we tax these products that disproportionately affect women across the state. That is why I introduced and supported this legislation and pushed for its passage this session,” **Rep. Candelaria** said. “What makes this tax more onerous is the fact that these products are not optional and the charge imposes a gender bias – I am pleased to see this measure become law.”

The legislation passed in the 2016 Legislative Session and includes the elimination of taxes on all feminine hygiene products as well as baby diapers.

“I am extremely pleased that this legislation was passed in the implementer this session”, said **Rep. Kelly Luxenberg** (D-Manchester). I have worked on this issue since I was elected and am pleased that my male colleagues recognize the importance of this issue and the inequity that exists. I worked extensively with all stakeholders to ensure that this important piece of legislation saw final passage.

**Rep. Candelaria** added, “Taxing diapers was another area that I thought was unfair, especially for low-income parents that, again, have no choice but to purchase these products as a necessary part of raising a child. I am looking forward to this measure giving parents a much-needed break on diapers.”

**Juan Candelaria** was elected in 2002 to represent New Haven’s 95th Assembly District.

###