

Hello,

I am writing to advocate for exempting breastfeeding supplies from sales and use taxes. Breastfeeding is vital to infants and a mother's health. To exempt the supplies from sales and use tax, it will allow families to purchase the items they need to successfully express their milk. Breast milk is more beneficial than formula as studies show.

On a further note, I also think all companies should be required to have a permanent pumping room for pumping mothers and they should have enough rooms or cubicles within pumping rooms to accommodate all staff, especially companies that fall under the CT FMLA act. Mandating this option will also help more mother's continue to breastfeed their babies. In return, the more breastfed babies, the better the health of the babies and less diseases circulating through our community. Also, for low income families whose medical care is provided by the state, less money would need to be spent by the state because those children would have less complications if they were able to be breastfed due to supplies being exempt and pumping rooms being mandated.