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The Honorable Susan Donovan Chair,
House Committee on Health & Human Services
State House
82 Smith Street
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RE: H7075, H7188

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

My name is Jeanelle deJager-Paul. I am the mother of five, two of whom have Type 1 Diabetes.

I am writing to you to support House Bill No. 7075 **THE MATTHEW FEDERICO DIABETIC SAFETY ACT**, and House Bill No. 7188 to cap the cost of insulin and glucose monitoring.

I have witnessed both of my Type 1 Diabetic sons (now adults) struggling with the costs of supplies that are needed to keep them alive. Our family struggled with those costs as all of my children were growing up. I can recall many a time when we were struggling to make ends meet because we were charged the full amount for insulin administration supplies, until we could get things settled out with the insurance company.

Additionally, I have witnessed the dangers of both of them not being able to treat their disease appropriately. Glucagon is necessary to prevent death by severe low blood sugar. Again, our family and our sons have experienced times when we did not renew the glucagon as frequently as needed due the expiration date and the costs. The cap on the cost of insulin and glucose monitoring enables them to stay healthy, out of the hospital and live their lives as normally as possible.

I ask you to please support both bills, as the legislation will improve the lives of those living with diabetes.

Thank you.
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