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

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

My name is Kriste Messier and I am writing in support of House Bill No:H7075 and No: H7188. My daughter, Quinn, who is 12 years old is diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. She was diagnosed 5 years ago when she was 7 years old. Since that date, she has become a warrior and battles Type 1 everyday. Everyday presents a challenge with trying to control diabetes so that she avoids a life threatening situation from complications for Type 1 Diabetes.

I'm hoping that you support Bill No: H7075 The Matthew Federico Diabetic Safety Act that will require health plans that prescription benefits to cover at least one type of glucagon auto-injector, nasal spray or formulation that does not require reconstitution to treat hypoglycemia with no copayment or deductible being required. Having Type 1 diabetes is life-threatening. Access is necessary so a person living with Type 1 diabetes can prevent a situation where death can result.

I also hope you support Bill No: H1188 to cap the amount payable for 30 days supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2026. Again, Type 1 Diabetic have access to medication in order to live. People should not have to choose between paying high costs for insulin/supplies or housing, food, etc. The inventor of insulin, Frederick Banting, invented insulin and sold the patent to the University of Toronto for just \$1. Banting believed insulin belonged to the work, aiming for maximum affordability and accessibility for diabetes patients. Insurance companies should not profit off insulin and should be used the way it was intended to be.

My goal for my child's life is that she can adhere to prescribed medications and not worry about high costs of being able to live. Type 1 diabetics should have access to supplies/insulin in order to be kept out of the hospital (which costs insurance companies more money).

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