

The Honorable Susan Donovan
Chair, House Committee on Health & Human Services
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Support for H7075 (The Matthew Federico Diabetic Safety Act) and H7188

Dear Chairwoman Donovan and Members of the Committee,

My name is Maria Charbonneau, and I am a clinical pharmacist and assistant professor at Western New England University in Springfield, MA. I am writing in strong support of **House Bill 7075, The Matthew Federico Diabetic Safety Act**, and **House Bill 7188**, both of which would provide critical support to individuals living with diabetes in Rhode Island.

I have been involved with Camp Surefire—Rhode Island’s only camp dedicated to children with type 1 diabetes—for over ten years. Through this work, I have had the privilege of meeting and supporting incredible children, teens, and families who navigate the daily challenges of diabetes with courage and resilience. These bills would directly benefit many of them.

H7075 would ensure access to a glucagon product that is easy to use and does not require reconstitution. In emergencies, every second counts. Making this life-saving medication affordable and accessible will save lives and make it easier for everyone, especially for children, caregivers, and school staff who may need to act quickly in a crisis.

H7188 addresses the high cost of essential diabetes supplies by capping the monthly out-of-pocket cost at \$25. This change would ease the financial burden on countless Rhode Islanders who rely on insulin delivery devices, test strips, and continuous glucose monitors to stay healthy. By improving affordability, this bill supports better adherence, reduces complications, and prevents avoidable hospitalizations—outcomes that benefit not just individuals, but our entire healthcare system and community.

These two bills are an investment in health, safety, and equity for Rhode Islanders living with diabetes. They also reflect our shared values: that life-saving treatments should be accessible, and that no one should have to choose between their health and their financial stability.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue and for your ongoing support of Rhode Island families. I urge you to support H7075 and H7188.

Sincerely,
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