

January 29, 2026

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

RE: H7075, H7188

Dear Chari Donovan and members of the Committee:

My name is Tracy Carson and I am the parent of a child who has spent the majority of their life living with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D).

I am writing in support of House Bill No. 7075 and House Bill No. 7188, both of which will make a dramatic difference in the safety and affordability for families impacted by T1D. A T1D diagnosis marks a shift in the lives of the impacted nuclear family, as managing T1D well takes planning, intention, dedication, and comes with a financial cost. There is a new set of concerns placed on the minds of parents, there is a physical and emotional toll placed on the diagnosed individual, and there is a complex emotional response for siblings. In the face of this, fear related affordability of medicine needed to live should not be a primary concern; accessibility should be able to be counted upon. I firmly believe these bills will make a difference for each family impacted by T1D.

While I am not currently a RI resident, I lived in RI for the majority of my life, my family still works and attends school in RI (Wheeler School and Gordon School) and we are closely affiliated with (and grateful for) the good work of Camp Surefire.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Regards,
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