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The Honorable Susan Donovan Chair, House Committee on Health & Human Services  
State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
RE: H7075 - Matt Federico Diabetic Safety Act - Glucagon

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

My name is Amanda Hawkins, and I am a resident of East Greenwich, Rhode Island. I am writing to express my strong support for **H7075, the Matthew Federico Diabetic Safety Act**, which would require health insurance plans to cover at least one type of glucagon auto-injector, nasal spray, or other formulation that does not require reconstitution without any copayment or deductible. This bill would make life-saving glucagon medications more affordable and accessible for Rhode Islanders living with diabetes.

It is also important to note that this House bill has an associated effort in the Senate to advance similar coverage goals (a companion measure being considered by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee). Supporting both the House and Senate versions will help ensure these reforms move forward together.

I support these bills because cost and access barriers to emergency glucagon can lead to dangerous delays in treatment, increased hospitalizations, and undue stress and risk of death for people with diabetes. Ensuring that glucagon is covered without cost-sharing will help people manage severe hypoglycemia more effectively, keep them safe and out of the hospital, and reduce long-term health care costs.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering the Matthew Federico Diabetic Safety Act and its companion Senate measure.

Sincerely,  
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