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

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. Madison Smith, and I am a clinical pharmacist at Brown University Health Medical Group Primary Care. I am writing to support bill H7075 - Matt Federico Diabetic Safety Act, which would provide 2 glucagon devices at no charge per year.

Glucagon is a life-saving medication used to treat severe hypoglycemia, a medical emergency that can lead to seizures, loss of consciousness, or death if not treated immediately. For people with diabetes and other conditions that put them at risk for severe low blood sugar, access to glucagon is essential. Additionally, most patients need more than one glucagon device per year so it can be kept in multiple locations and replaced when used or expired.

Within my role as a primary care pharmacist, I routinely encounter patients who cannot afford necessary medications such as Glucagon. Inability to access and afford medications leads to higher inpatient utilization and increased costs on the healthcare system. I truly believe granting patients access to two free glucagon devices per year would improve patient safety and reduce long-term healthcare costs.

I respectfully ask you to support this bill and prioritize access to life-saving care for those who depend on it. Thank you for your time and commitment to the health of our community.

Sincerely,
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