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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)

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

I am a pharmacist, CDOE educator for the State of RI, and Faculty Emeritus of the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. I am writing today in support of bill H7075 which ensures that patients could obtain 2 glucagon devices at no cost, must cover 1 device from each form of administration (ie. SubQ, nasal spray etc), as they have approvals for different ages.

As a diabetes educator for more than 20 years, I am fully aware of the importance of access to this lifesaving medicine. Since glucagon is used in an emergency situation (similar to how naloxone and epi-pens are used) it is vital that patients have this device on them at all times, for immediate treatment of a low blood sugar when the patient cannot take oral glucose due to altered mental status such as severe delirium, unconsciousness for example. Having taught this information for over 30 years to the pharmacy students in this state, and in the Diabetes Educational program for certifying diabetes educators including nurses, dieticians and pharmacists, I am frustrated that most patients with diabetes do not have access to this life-saving medication.

Through this legislation, you will provide equity for patients with diabetes to gain access for this life-saving medication.

Per the ADA guidelines, all patients receiving insulin should carry this and assure their family and friends are familiar with when and how to administer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmest Regards;

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