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The Honorable Susan Donovan Chair, House Committee on Health & Human Services
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903
RE: SUPPORT - H7075 - Matt Federico Diabetic Safety Act – Glucagon and H7188

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

My name is Sara Petit, and I am a certified Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner in Rhode Island with over 12 years of combined experience in primary care and college health. I am writing to support bills H7075 and H7188: H7075 would provide 2 glucagon devices at no charge per year to people with diabetes, and H7188 would make diabetic supplies more affordable.

These bills are very important to me on both personal and professional levels. I have had many family members and friends struggle with the cost and concerns of managing their diabetes, with one even losing their life to a hypoglycemic event. Professionally, working in the college health sector poses many challenges to the emerging adults managing skyrocketing healthcare costs. Students will often choose basic needs over their medications, until they have a significant low blood sugar that lands them in the hospital, or worse. I always teach my patients that high blood sugar will kill you over time if not managed properly, but a low blood sugar will kill you quickly and quietly. The ability for diabetics to have lifesaving glucagon available at no cost will save lives. Additionally, capping the cost of diabetic supplies will allow diabetics to closely monitor their blood sugar, helping their healthcare team tailor a specific management plan and, overall, improving health outcomes.

I urge you and the members of the committee to support these bills to better serve the 11.8% of Rhode Island's population with this condition (Rhode Island Department of Health, 2023).

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