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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

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

Hi my name is Shelley Kestler and I am writing in support of bill H7075 which would provide 2 glucagon devices at no charge per year.

I support this legislation because glucagon is a lifesaving medication for people living with Type 1 diabetes. Patients with long-standing diabetes can develop hypoglycemia unawareness, a condition in which the body no longer exhibits the typical warning signs of low blood sugar. As a result, blood glucose levels can fall dangerously low without notice, potentially leading to loss of consciousness. In these situations, the only way to prevent serious or irreparable harm, including death, while awaiting emergency medical services is the administration of glucagon.

I am also a person living with Type 1 diabetes, and I have devoted my career to caring for and educating individuals with all types of diabetes. This bill has the potential to change—and save—the lives of countless people living with this condition.

From personal experience, the high cost and lack of coverage for glucagon have forced me to keep an expired dose at my bedside, hoping it would still work in the event of a severe hypoglycemic emergency. No one living with diabetes should have to carry that fear. This bill would provide critical peace of mind for people with diabetes and for the family members and caregivers who support them.

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