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The Honorable Susan Donovan Chair, House Committee on Health & Human Services State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: House Bill No. H7188

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

My name is Greg Carson. I was a longtime resident of Rhode Island who is raising a child who has lived with type one diabetes for twelve years. Although I am now a Massachusetts resident, my wife and I both work in Rhode Island, our children both attend an independent school in Rhode Island, and our youngest daughter receives all her diabetes related care in Rhode Island. I'm deeply connected to the type one diabetes community in Rhode Island and proudly serve on the Board of Directors for Camp Surefire, which is a leading resource in Rhode Island for children who live with type one diabetes and their families. Simply put, I consider myself fortunate to know many of the courageous Rhode Islanders who live with type one diabetes.

I'm writing to ask that you support House Bill No. 7188. This bill would create a \$25 cap for a thirty day supply of equipment required to properly manage type one diabetes. These supplies include insulin delivery or insulin pump supplies and glucose monitoring supplies. Without such a cap these supplies can cost several hundred dollars per month even with insurance, making them inaccessible to children and adults who need them. Additionally, supporting this bill would allow more Rhode Islanders to properly manage their diabetes, which would help avoid serious health complications later and keep healthcare costs down for patients and insurance companies.

Thank you for your time and for your advocacy of the thousands of children and adults living in Rhode Island who battle type one diabetes each and every day.

Greg Carson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Carson', with a stylized, cursive-like script.

Camp Surefire Board of Directors