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Hello Chairman and members of the committee.

My name is Cathy Job and I'm a resident in Bismarck. I am in favor of this bill for a number of reasons. I am a single mom of two; both of which have health issues. My daughter (Sierra), now age 17, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 2015. Her blood glucose/sugar is all over, like a roller coaster ride, on a daily basis. She goes from extreme highs to extreme lows on any given day.

A couple of years ago, she was on the Healthy Steps program through Blue Cross Blue Shield. She had the CGM, Dexcom and it was truly a lifesaver many times. Then Healthy Steps went away and everyone was switched to Medicaid. Along with the switch she lost Dexcom and had to go back to poking her finger {upto} 12 times a day.

In December 2019 she was hospitalized overnight due to high and uncontrollable blood sugar. (Part of that was because Medicaid wouldn't cover the long term insulin she was on at the time either, Tresiba). In January 2020 she was in/out of consciousness at school due to low blood sugar that she couldn't get to come up. She called me and 911; paramedics came to the school. Sierra was laying in the corner on the floor between levels of the stairway between the second and third floors at Bismarck High School. The recommendation was to take her to the ER because we couldn't get her blood sugar to come up to a normal level. If Sierra would've had Dexcom, I don't think this would have happened. She would have been able to see where her blood sugar was heading and taken care of it without calling 911 or going to the ER.

In talking to the doctors, both her regular and the ER; it was mentioned to me that the only way she could get a CGM was if she was basically on her death bed with highs/lows, seizing and/or unconsciousness regularly. After seeing her endocrinologist in Fargo and discussing at length with her what had happened, she wrote a letter about the situation. The only way it could possibly be approved is if Children's Special Health Services would help. Thankfully after jumping through many hoops, she was approved for Dexcom. I can't tell you how much of a lifesaver Dexcom is for Sierra. It also helps take a little worry and anxiety off of mom too.

I appreciate your time and effort in helping this bill pass for the health of our loved ones.

Thank you,



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