

My name is Ali Kritzberger. I am eighteen-years-old, daughter of Pete and Angela Kritzberger, and sister to Nina Kritzberger, a type one diabetic. I am writing in favor of SB2140. As an eleven-year-old I wasn't fond of my seven-year-old energetic little sister, but as that year went by she slowly changed. She became quiet, skinny, and ill looking. She went to the doctor several times and nothing seemed to change and no clear diagnosis was given after getting tested for anything that could possibly be wrong. At her last visit, they finally did a blood panel to check for other serious issues. My mom got a phone call from our good friend and health care provider. She said she was driving out to our house because she wanted to give the news to my parents in person and that Nina's life would be changed forever. When she got to the house she sat closely to my mom and talked in a hush tone, so that the rest of us wouldn't hear. She told us that Nina would have to be brought straight to the hospital in Fargo because her blood sugar was 600, when it was supposed to be in the range of 80-120. I watched as my parents quickly grabbed Nina and put her in the car. Not sure what was going on I panicked and patiently waited for my parents to get home.

When mom, dad and Nina came home, they spread a large bag of medical supplies across our kitchen table. My mom explained that Nina was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes and that there was no cure. I learned that she would have to deal with this the rest of her life. I watched as my baby sister screamed from having to prick her finger and take shots multiple times a day. We were lucky because they were able to catch Nina's type one diabetes diagnosis before she slipped into a deadly coma. Nina got the insulin that was needed to survive. It took several days, but after she had started taking insulin, I saw my sister's personality come back to life. She was able to do the things she loved and be a kid again.

A lot of people don't have that choice though. The price of insulin limits the population of diabetics that can live comfortably or even live at all. People are forced to ration their insulin and always have the thought in the back of their mind. How much can I eat? How long will this insulin last me?

Please vote in favor of SB2140 because it could change the lives of so many in North Dakota. T

Thank you

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