

To the Members of the House Human Services Committee:

I am writing in support of SB2140.

January 11, 2022 is a date I will remember forever. That was the day my 8-year-old son was diagnosed with type one diabetes. Being a nurse, I thought I knew how to care for diabetes. I quickly learned that it is very challenging and stressful to appropriately manage type one diabetes 24 hours a day/7 days a week. We are now a little over a year into his diagnosis with his insulin needs continuously changing and it feels as if we are on a never-ending roller coaster. This disease does not discriminate; we did not choose to have this diagnosis. Our son's life depends on insulin, and I am fearful of the day when he is unable to afford this life saving medication. As a nurse, I have seen the drastic health complications from the inability to properly manage diabetes. We need to support our North Dakota residents by capping the out-of-pocket cost of insulin which is the only treatment available to continue to live with type one diabetes. Not having access to affordable insulin will ultimately lead to a potentially preventable fatal ending.

I strongly support a cap for out-of-pocket insulin. Passage of SB2140 would be a first step in securing cost relief for insulin for all North Dakota residents.

Respectfully submitted,

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