

Regarding HB 1114:

My name is Avis LuAnn White and I live in Fargo ND and have been a ND resident all my life.

My son, Erik, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was 19 years old and has had to be reliant on life-saving insulin for the past 28 years. Unfortunately, the cost of his insulin has been very difficult for them and his family.

I have witnessed his struggles to reduce carbs, watching his diet constantly as well as his blood sugar highs and lows. It is difficult for a mother to watch, to say the least. When he was first diagnosed, I broke down in tears knowing this would be a life-long commitment of food restrictions.

Insulin is not a choice for those suffering from Type 1 diabetes. It is a necessity and for so many the cost is prohibitive at times, causing diabetics to choose whether to pay other necessary bills for the family or paying sometimes over \$1000 for insulin, not including syringes, etc.

Something needs to be done so those who desperately need insulin can afford to pay for it.

I am asking for my son and others I know personally who have Type 1 diabetes, that this bill passes and makes insulin affordable for everyone!