

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
HB1114

My name is Stacy Wilz, I am a resident of North Dakota, and I am a North Dakota State employee. My daughter Reeve was hospitalized and diagnosed in October of 2023 at the age of 7 with Type 1 diabetes shortly after she recovered from a rough case of covid.

I have always heard that insulin is lifesaving, but it never hit home until we realized that without insulin our daughter will die, its not that she might die, she will die, all insulin dependent citizens of ND will die without insulin. Since her diagnoses I have joined several T1D forums, and I am heartbroken to read the desperate pleas from parents trying to figure out how to ration their current insulin because they cannot afford to purchase it monthly even with manufacturer rebates or coupons.

The financial burden that Type 1 Diabetes has placed on my family has been huge. I can't imagine how much more it would cost if we weren't one of the lucky ones that fall under the current NDPERS insulin co-pay cap. Voting in favor of House Bill 1114 will help save the lives of North Dakota children and adults and will provide a much-needed financial relief to ALL families that are impacted by the overall cost of diabetic medical equipment and supplies.

Thank you,

Stacy Wilz

Mother of an 8-year-old daughter living with Type 1 Diabetes