

As a parent of a son who has had Type 1 Diabetes since November 2008, I am very much in support of the Insulin and supplies copay capping Bill in North Dakota. My name is Amber Stockeland, I am from Hannaford, ND and my son Jarin was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at the age of 2. In the 16 years ours family has been living with Type 1 Diabetes the cost of insulin has gone up significantly. Regardless of the insurance I have carried, the out-of-pocket cost has always been a concern. When I was single mother, I had to choose between paying for my son's life sustaining medication or pay my electric bill. Jarin's insulin and life always won. Between the monthly insurance premium payments, insulin pump supplies, constant blood glucose monitoring supplies and insulin costs some months out-of- pocket pay is well over \$2000.00. Parents of Type I Diabetics not only worry about how the insulin prices affect our family now, but how our Type 1 Diabetics will be able to afford their medications as they become adults. Type 1 Diabetics are not asking for insulin to be free, just affordable. We should not have to choose between keeping our children alive or keeping our lights on.

Thank you for your time,

Amber Stockeland