

Chairman Schauer and Committee Members,

My name is Leif Snyder, I have been a type 1 insulin dependent diabetic for more than 30 years. Sadly the last 12 I have been almost completely blind due to the diabetic retinopathy that was totally preventable. Diabetic retinopathy was preventable for me except that the insulin and supplies my Dr wanted me on came to \$1300 a month I had no choice but decide what to go without and ration my insulin which led to the high blood sugar and thus the eye disease.

As you sit reading this imagine wearing a dirty pair of sunglasses (dark and blurry) and looking thru a toilet paper tube (no peripheral vision only very central vision) with one eye as I'm completely blind in the other eye, thats how I see things.

I would estimate the multiple surgeries and procedures I have had done on my eyes has to be over \$250,000.00? And with more to come in order to save what vision I have left. To think if I would have had the advantage of a cap such as in 1114 all this could have been prevented. Since I am disabled and on medicaid imagine the money you can save tax payers by making sure another diabetic does not have to go thru what I have. I strongly support HB1114.

Sadly you will hear from those that complain about the rising cost of insulin that don't want the regulation but when you look at the truth the price of insulin is way overpriced and is nothing more than a money grab for pharmaceutical companies and the pharmacy benefit management companies. Of course they will testify against anything that threatens their cash cow. Remember insulin is a biosimilar thus falling under different regulations and no real generic is available.

Best regards,  
Leif Snyder