

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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My name is Katey Moch, and I'm a resident of North Dakota. I work as a Diabetes Educator and have lived with Type 1 Diabetes for almost 30 years. Without insulin, I will die. I currently wear an insulin pump and only need one kind of insulin, but those who give multiple daily injections are on two different types of insulin, which are required to survive. This adds to their cost. Living with Type 1 Diabetes, I never realized the full impact of the cost of the disease until I went to college and started paying for it on my own. It is a huge burden, and I have always been lucky to have insurance to help pay for it. When insulin was created, it was meant to be sold for \$1 so everyone who needed it could afford it. It is not this way anymore.

While working in the hospital as a diabetes educator, I have seen the impact of patients being unable to afford their insulin. They have to come in multiple times because they can't afford their insulin, and it puts them into a condition called Diabetic Ketoacidosis. This is extremely dangerous, and people can die from it. If people could afford their insulin, this would help prevent such hospitalizations.

I'm vowing to vote for House Bill 1114 for myself and my patients. This bill will help patients who need this life-saving medication obtain it without adding to their financial burden. I hope that you will approve this bill to help save the lives of those living with this chronic disease.

Thank you,

Katey Moch