

I ask for this Committee's support of SB2140.

I am a lifelong North Dakota resident and the mother of a 13-year-old boy living with Type 1 Diabetes.

During the last legislative session, I was one of the mothers advocating for an insulin-capping bill. Our bill failed by a small margin for a number of reasons, including widespread misinformation, the impact of lobbyists, the fact that we were advocates but not individuals insured by a State health plan, and the fact that the version of the bill advanced to the floor had been so terribly gutted by this Committee that it was virtually ineffective.

Today I'm thrilled to let you know that you have a second chance. You are positioned to advance a meaningful bill – one that will help many people, including my son, who is insured under the Sanford Health Plan.

Please give a "do pass" recommendation to this bill with minimum, if any, modifications. North Dakota needs to make a statement that insulin-dependent people matter.