

Thank you Committee Members. My name is Lisa DeGroff, I am writing in support of SB1/HB5175 An Act Concerning Diabetes and High Deductible Health Plans. I am a member of Connecticut #insulinforall, a group of volunteer advocates to raise awareness about the insulin price crisis and to also push for transparency and lower insulin prices. I live in Kensington and our son is 18 and a Type 1 Diabetic, he was diagnosed when he was 13 years old. I am in full support of this bill as insulin is a relatively inexpensive drug to make between \$4-\$6 dollars a vial the cost per month can be upwards of \$700.00 per month. please understand insulin is like oxygen to a type 1 and without it my son would DIE there is no easier way to put that statistic. With all the supplies that he needs to keep himself healthy I worry about that day in his not so distant future when he may have to decide whether to eat or live. I have friends who still help to pay for their adult children's insulin because their children's insurance out of pocket cost for this drug is so much they fear that they may ration and risk becoming very ill or dying by doing so.

This is an outrageous way to live when you have no choice.

My son has had to switch insulin brands, Blood Glucose Meters and test strips, he has been denied access to easier to use versions of Glucagon because someone who does not have any connection to him has decided that he has to switch or pay full list price for things he needs to live.

We support Kevin's Law but feel that the amount of insulin needed in an emergency is really based on dosage per day, which is based on what they are eating and their current insulin to carbohydrate ratio, the current emergency supply should be proposed to be 30 days, not 72 hours as it is currently written. As insulin is not produced in a small quantity.

I appreciate the time and work that you, as our legislators are putting into these very important issues for our family and for the thousands of families that live with Type 1 Diabetes and all of its burdens daily.

Connecticut you can save lives with SB1/HB5175 bills that are set before you. Please support as I support the passage of this bill.

BE THE CHANGE!

Thank you for your consideration,  
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