

Hi my name is Logan Merwin. I'm 13 years old and live in Haddam, CT. This is my testimony for the insulin pricing bill.

12 years ago my 17 month old self got the fateful news "You have type 1 diabetes". This was one of the worst days of my life. Most of the other contenders are affiliated with that, the day we see our t1d supply bill is number 2.

I support the insulin and supply cap part of this bill because many times our family paid over 700 dollars for insulin for a 1 month supply. That's just the insulin. It's not like the rest of the supplies are free. That 700 dollars could have been a plane ticket to alaska to go gold mining. But instead it was spent on buying liquid gold from the pharmacy.

I was selected to go to JDRF's children's congress last summer to talk about insulin pricing and research funding. I haven't seen any action taken yet. Maybe if Connecticut and other states pass legislation the government in DC will want to pass legislation on it too so it helps everyone.

I worry sometimes about when I am an adult on my own with not a lot of money yet. How am I going to be able to get insulin. I have the answer to that question-this legislation. This bill would solve the problem because I

could pay 100 or 150 dollars much easier than thousands.

I support the Kevins law part of the bill because if I was in an emergency it would be crucial to my survival. If I was in between jobs then I could get an emergency refill for it because of Kevins law.

I shouldn't be thinking of these situations but I am, because without this bill I might be in a situation where I have to ask another type 1 for insulin because I can't afford the co pay at the pharmacy. This isn't just me it impacts my friends and over 2500 kids all over the state.

I also support the potential medicaid coverage plan because that would be really helpful to have a plan that helps pay for all of my diabetes stuff and I can have that when I can't be on my mom's plan anymore.

If this bill gets passed we can help change thousands of lives in Connecticut. Thank you for your help.