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Marcy Kaptur
U.S. House Representative for Ohio

Sherrod Brown
U.S. Senator for Ohio

J.D. Vance
U.S. Senator for Ohio

Dear Members of Congress:

My name is Sarah Kopp, and I am a senior at Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing in Sandusky, Ohio. I am writing to you about a proposed bill that I feel could be beneficial to many Ohioans if passed. The proposed bill I am writing to you about is to enact 3902.63 of the Revised Code to cap cost sharing for prescription insulin drugs.

The bill proposes that no health plan issuer that provides coverage for prescription insulin drugs pursuant to the terms of a health benefit plan amended, issued, or renewed on or after the effective date of this section will require cost sharing for a covered prescription insulin drug in an amount exceeding thirty-five dollars per thirty-day supply of the drug, regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the covered person's prescription. Cost sharing will be charged on a per-prescription-fill basis.

As a student nurse, I observe non-compliant, uncontrolled diabetics due to the cost of their insulin being too expensive for what they are able to afford. Keeping the monthly out-of-pocket cost to thirty-five dollars would allow for diabetic persons to have a better chance of affording their insulin and becoming compliant. I am writing to you for support as I strongly urge you to consider passing this bill, as it will only benefit the diabetic community in managing their health. This bill takes those with insurance into consideration, and I encourage you to consider expanding to those without insurance, as it may have more of an impact on uninsured individuals with diabetes. Cosponsors of this bill include Senators Hicks-Hudson, DeMora, Antonio, Smith, Ingram, and Sykes. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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