

**AMSN 2024**  
**Unit 8: Z- Chap. 17 (1H total)**  
**Online Assignment: LEGISLATOR WORKSHEET**

**Instructions:**

- Complete this form using Ohio and U.S. Links Provided
  - o You are to look up information based on your zip code (zip code must include all 9 numbers – including the +4 number)
- Complete the assignment at the end of the document

**Your name: Caitlyn Silas**

**Your complete address: 2846 North Topsail Way Vermilion, Ohio 44089**

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/>

**Ohio House of Representatives**

Name of your Ohio Representative: Joseph A. Miller III

Party affiliation: Democratic

District number: 53

Hometown: Amherst

Expiration date of current term: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Eligible for another term? N/A

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be *complete* and *accurate*):

- Agriculture
- Finance
- Higher education
- Energy and natural resources
- Primary and secondary education
- Finance subcommittee on agriculture, development, and natural resources

**Ohio Senate**

Name of your Ohio State Senator: Nathan H. Manning

Party affiliation: Republican

District number: 13<sup>th</sup>

Hometown: North Ridgeville

Expiration date of current term: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Eligible for another term? N/A

Committee assignments (List all – committee names should be complete and accurate):

- Finance - Insurance – Judiciary - Local Government

## U.S. Senate

[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

### United States Senators representing Ohio:

- A. Name of Senator(s), including *Party, years of service, and year of term end*  
(Click on *Biographical Directory Listing*)
1. Sherrod Brown – Democratic, 2007 – present (17 years), term ends January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025
  2. J.D. Vance – Republican, 2023 – present (1 year), term ends January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2029

## U.S. House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

Name of Congressional representative: **Robert E. Latta**

Party affiliation: Republican

District number: 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Assignment:**

- You are to write a letter to one of the legislators above regarding a current healthcare issue or bill.
- Complete this worksheet and letter, and place both in the Z-Chapter 17 dropbox by 4/5/2024 at 0800.
- **You are expected to mail a copy of your letter to the legislator.**

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Honorable Hearcel F. Craig  
U.S. Senator for Ohio

The Honorable Nathan H. Manning  
U.S. Senator for Ohio

Dear members of Congress:

My name is Caitlyn Silas, and I am a registered nursing student and Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing in Sandusky, Ohio. I am writing to you about the cost of insulin and the new bill that you are trying to pass. I think that this bill will help many people with diabetes, but I want to know if you ever considered how much \$35 can still impact someone who needs insulin.

Diabetes is known as a “rich man’s” disease because of how costly it is. Some people must choose food for their families over insulin for themselves causing them to have more healthcare issues down the road which is only increasing the costs and demands of healthcare that is needed. We should be focused on preventive care, which includes making the cost of insulin free for all that have diabetes who are insured. They are paying for insurance and deserve to have free insulin and not drown in medical bills even when they pay for good insurance.

I think it is unacceptable that Narcan is given out for free, but insulin still costs an arm and a leg. If we as a state can hand out free Narcan in multiple facilities such as libraries, drug rehabs, police stations, fire stations, and more, then there is no reason why insulin cannot be given out for no cost for diabetics who need it to survive. Narcan is important and saves lives for those who have overdosed but insulin also saves lives just as much.

Having uncontrolled diabetes can lead to diabetic keto-acidosis (DKA), which can lead to a diabetic coma or even death. This is just as serious as overdoses are and needs to be more known to the public and state officials on how costly it is to survive with diabetes in our current healthcare system.

Please consider this for not only the patients but also the healthcare workers who have to tell their patients about how costly diabetes is at the time of diagnosis and watching the fear in their eyes because they cannot afford to take care of themselves. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Caitlyn Silas, Registered Nursing Student  
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