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The Honorable House of representatives

Washington, D.C

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House bill 21-1307

Dear house of representative's member,

My name is Jessica Kavajecz, and I am a service provider in the Champaign-Urbana, Illinois area. I support bill 21-1307. Bill 21-1307 was passed in Colorado and is to become effective in 2022. Bill 21-1307 is an insulin affordability program and will assist people with diabetes in paying for their insulin. An insulin affordability program bill should be passed in all states because it is a significant problem here in the United States. It was determined that in 2018 over 10.5% of the United States population had diabetes (American diabetes association, 2021). Diabetes is also the seventh leading cause of death (American diabetes association, 2021). Insulin prices should be lowered because they can prevent further damaging conditions such as cardiovascular disease, lower hospitalization stays, and improve patients' quality of life. I work as a healthcare tech at Carle foundation hospital, where we care for many patients who have diabetes and require insulin. Insulin is expensive, and unless the patient has insurance, the patient often cannot afford their medication. Insulin costs are essential because if a patient can manage their condition, it will prevent further complications and improve their quality of life. Medication costs affect thousands of people and families across the United States. With diabetes having such a high prevalence, lowering the cost of out-of-pocket insulin would impact the diabetic community immensely.

This citizen wants the house of representatives and the senate to vote to lower out-of-pocket insulin prices.

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Sincerely,

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