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RE: Support for H.F. 2056

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Mister Chair and committee members,

TakeAction Minnesota is a grassroots organization representing 55,000 individual Minnesotans in every county in the state and 22 organizational members. We advocate for racial, gender, and economic justice at the local, state, and federal level. We are writing in support of H.F. 2056.

In our work to address out of control drug prices we've heard numerous member stories about the high cost of insulin and EpiPens. Kathryn Bohn is a married mother with two sons from Minneapolis. All of them have severe allergies to bees, peanuts, and mold. They are supposed to carry EpiPens in case of anaphylactic reactions – life-threatening situations in which your throat closes up and one can stop breathing and die within minutes. Even though EpiPens only cost about \$3 to make – and have been around since 1987 – each EpiPen pack costs about \$1,500 out of pocket with their private insurance. Years ago, Kate's family paid about \$30.

Kate has had to choose which son should carry an EpiPen – whose life should be protected and whose put at risk – because her family couldn't afford for each of them to carry the life-saving injector. It's an unimaginable choice for any parent to make.

Drugs don't work if people can't afford them. Please support this lifesaving bill.