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RE: Support for HF 3860

Dear Chair Richardson and Education Policy Committee

On behalf of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) please accept my thanks for hearing House File 3860 (HF 3860) to establish school nurse recruitment grants and school nurse scholarships.

School nurses are critical in helping coordinate the care of children with diabetes in the school setting. Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases in school-aged children and affects an estimated 208,000 people under the age of 20 in the United States. Diabetes must be managed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For students with type 1 diabetes and for some with type 2 diabetes, that means careful monitoring of their glucose levels throughout the school day.¹

HF 3860 will make critical investments in expanding the school nurse workforce, which in turn will benefit children with diabetes and their families. I urge you to support this legislation.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at ckemp@diabetes.org.

Sincerely,

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¹ Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel