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Dear Chair Liebling and Committee Members,

On behalf of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) please accept my thanks and support for House File 1030.

Diabetes is an epidemic in the United States and the cost of managing it can be unsustainable. People with diabetes have medical expenses approximately 2.3 times higher than those who do not. When people with diabetes are unable to manage the disease and access the insulin they need it increases the risk of developing additional costly and burdensome complications including heart disease, kidney failure, and amputations.

When people cannot afford the medication necessary to manage their diabetes, they scale back or forego the care they need to manage their health or are forced to choose between paying for their medication or rent, utilities, and other necessities. This legislation offers a solution to ensure that people with diabetes can afford the medication they need to live. I respectfully ask that you support House Bill 1030.

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

Sincerely,

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