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Support of SB 9

Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair  
Sen. Dennis Linthicum, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Lee Beyer  
Sen. Shemia Fagan  
Sen. Tim Knopp  
Oregon State Capitol  
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Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senators,

My name is Kara Campuzano. I, along with my husband Baltazar and two children, Brody and Isabella, reside in Salem, Oregon.

My nine year old son was diagnosed at age five with Type 1 Diabetes. I am writing to request your support for SB 9. Allowing all Oregon Pharmacists to refill emergency insulin, would change the landscape for not only my family, but for many other individuals with Type 1 Diabetes, and their families.

You see, as parents of a child with Type 1 Diabetes, we incur many sleepless nights (forcing sugar down their mouths with a syringe or sticking them with a needle while they sleep), stress from roller coaster blood sugars throughout the day, and depression brought on by my child feeling "different" from his peers.

My son had to grow up fast. Having a nine year old be responsible to carry around an over the shoulder backpack with \$500 worth of medical supplies every day, and be responsible for those supplies is a lot to ask for. Would you trust your nine year old child to be responsible with your cell phone or laptop 24 hours a day, seven days a week? Well, life happens. And just a few weeks ago, the burden of adult responsibility fell hard on my child. I received a phone call from latch-key that my son left his insulin at school. May I remind you that this was 5:00pm, the school office closes at 4:30pm, and this was a Friday night. No-one was answering the phone at school, and had not yet responded to my frantic emails to every administrator and teacher, that I happen to have an email for. During that time, I called our pharmacy, here in Salem. Our prescription refill date was not for three more days (the following Monday). Since it was after 5:00pm, our insurance company's office was, you guessed, also closed, so I did not even have the opportunity to beg them to send us a refill prescription for right now. I could pay \$367 for one bottle of Humalog insulin, or I can hope, that someone from my son's school would get back to me. This is unacceptable. \$367 for one bottle of insulin, which in three days would only cost me \$60? This does not even make sense. Insulin is what keeps my child, and many other people living with Type 1 Diabetes, alive. In all, our school principal responded to my email, and I was able to meet up with a staff member around 5:30pm to be let into the school office, to grab my sons' lifesaving medicine. That was the longest, and most stressful thirty minutes, which I have had to go through in a while. Its 30-minutes that no-one should have to stress over.

I ask you to support SB 9 to allow all Oregon Pharmacists to refill insulin in emergencies and in times of need. Please contact me with any additional questions you may have.

Respectfully Yours,

Kara Campuzano

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