

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

TO: Senate Committee on Health Care

Senators Laurie Monnes Anderson (chair), Dennis Linthicum (Vice Chair), Lee Beyer, Shemia Fagan, Tim Knopp

RE: In support of SB 9, Allowing Pharmacists to prescribe and dispense emergency refills of insulin and associated insulin-related devices and supplies.

We wholeheartedly support SB 9, allowing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense emergency refills of insulin and associate devices. The provisions of this bill can save lives.

The diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes is a life changer under any circumstance. It is even more compelling and challenging to parents of infants and children who are so diagnosed. We were unaware of these challenges until our great-grandson, Kolton Wangler was diagnosed at 18 months. Given the 24/7 attention this disease requires, not needed is the trauma of a device's failure, or insulin and the inability of the parent or patient to secure replacements in emergencies.

Kolton Wangler is our hero, who at six years of age understands his dependency on monitoring and his insulin requirements. He's quite a young man!

Many thanks to Senator Peter Courtney and Senator Dennis Linthicum for introducing this bill, with a special thanks to Senator Courtney and his attentiveness to the lives of his staff, especially our grand-daughter-in-law, Jessica Wangler.

Sincerely



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