

Members of the Committee,

My name is Travis Maloney, I am 21 years old, and I live in Carver, Oregon. I am writing you today because I oppose SB 844.

When I was a young boy, I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. It was very hard growing up always needing to check my insulin levels, and even as an adult, taking insulin is still a burden.

I am able to afford my insulin doses, but I know there are many diabetics out there that struggle with the costs. While I want to see insulin prices reduced, the implementation of a Prescription Drug Affordability Board will not fix this issue and actually create new access issues for many patients.

Further, I am concerned that by creating barriers to medications already available in the state, this board of unelected officials could inhibit new treatments and cures from being developed. I commend you for trying to address high costs for patients but there are other solutions, like out-of-pocket capping, that stand to actually reduce prescription spending at the pharmacy counter.

I hope one day there is a cure for Type 1 Diabetes so that no child or adult has to deal with this disease. I appreciate the researchers and scientists that are trying to find a cure, and will continue to support their efforts.

On behalf of millions of patients like me across Oregon, I again ask that you vote against SB 844.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

Travis Maloney