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Chair Nosse and Committee Members,

The American Diabetes Association is writing to ask for your support for House Bill 2762, which seeks to improve medication price transparency for patients. As the nation's leading voluntary health organization fighting to bend the curve on the diabetes epidemic and help people living with diabetes thrive, we recognize the importance of understanding the cost of prescription medication and how that impacts medication adherence, which is critical for patients with diabetes.

Looking at solutions to improve medication adherence can result in reduced health care costs, hospitalization, and mortality for people with diabetes.¹ This bill may help patients have a better understanding of their prescription drug costs so they know what to expect when they pick it up at the pharmacy. A recent study found that 1.3 million people in the U.S. reported rationing their insulin with the most common form of rationing being delaying purchase.² The ADA supports action to reduce the cost and improve access to insulin and ensure that people are not put in position to choose between picking up their insulin and paying for other necessities.

This legislation is an important part of addressing access to medication by ensuring that patients and providers can make informed decisions. We ask for your support on House Bill 2762.

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¹ <https://diabetesjournals.org/care/article/38/4/604/37531/Determinants-of-Adherence-to-Diabetes-Medications>

² <https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M22-2477>