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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB1508

On behalf of the American Diabetes Association I would like to submit our support for amendment 2 as it relates to insulin cost-sharing for Senate Bill 1508. There is an insulin affordability crisis in America that impacts an estimated 8.4 million Americans with diabetes who require it to live. Insulin affordability is a health equity issue that disproportionately impacts under-resourced communities. A total of 19.8% of middle-income people and 14.6% of low-income persons reported rationing their insulin.

We deeply appreciate efforts to lower the cost of insulin so individuals with diabetes do not have to chose between their medication and other necessities. We urge your support of this amendment and align Oregon's insulin copay cap with many other states across the country and Medicare. We encourage the committee to move forward with the recommendation to remove the language related to the consumer price index, which has resulted in the insulin copay cap increasing year after year. When cost of living is higher, it makes it more challenging for patients to afford their medication.

We appreciate your attention to this issue and ask for your support!

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