



May 9, 2019

House Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Madame Chair Salinas and Members of the Committee,

I am contacting you today on behalf of the over 1,506,000 people with diabetes and pre-diabetes in Oregon to ask for your support for SB 250. This bill will provide important protections for people with pre-existing conditions like diabetes.

The American Diabetes Association shares Oregon's goal of improving the affordability of health insurance coverage. Providing individuals with diabetes with access to adequate, affordable health care coverage will help ensure they are able to successfully manage the disease and fend off devastating complications associated with diabetes (including cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, lower limb amputation, and blindness) and unnecessary costs for additional care, hospitalizations, procedures, and surgeries.

I urge you to support SB 250 as it will strengthen the state's ability to fight diabetes and improve health outcomes in Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration of the critical health care needs of people with diabetes. Please let me know if you need any additional information I can be reached at 1-800-676-4065 x 7207 or lkeller@diabetes.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Keller".

Laura Keller
Director State Government Affairs and Advocacy
(AK, HI, ID, MT, ND, OR, SD, WA)



1 in 11

Americans has diabetes today.



Every **23 seconds**, someone in the United States is diagnosed with diabetes.

More than
18,000
youth are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes every year.