

Testimony – in favor of HB0970

Health and Government Operations Committee

February 25, 2025

Esteemed chair and members of the committee,

This testimony is in support of HB 0970 – Health Insurance – Insulin – Prohibition on Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocols. Patients in Maryland face ongoing and substantial challenges in obtaining the best medication for them in a timely manner and at an affordable cost.

As a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, I believe that this bill removes an unnecessary barrier to care for people living with diabetes and I urge a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

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