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WITNESS NAME: <b>ALEXANDER KORFIATIS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>AMEYA PADAKANTI</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>AMEYA PADAKANTI</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>925-886-9067</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE POLICY PODS</b>		TITLE:	
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Insulin is a crucial drug for maintaining many diabetic Americans' health by regulating their blood sugar levels. Approximately 38.4 million Americans and 537,000 Missourians suffer from diabetes. Clearly, there is a massive demand in Missouri (and in the USA) for affordable insulin. However, right now, insulin price is a real problem. Simply put, the high cost is harmfully impacting patients. To give some background, on average, a vial of insulin costs \$98.70, but the production cost for each vial is only \$2-4. This high cost contributes to the statistic that 1 in 4 diabetics have reported that the cost of insulin impacts their use of insulin, resulting in insulin rationing. The problem is so substantial that even the American Diabetes Association emphasizes that the cost of insulin has caused 27% of diabetics to choose between insulin and housing. Moving on to the benefits, the main one for reducing insulin co-payments is that everyone would have access to insulin. That increase in accessibility would reduce the number of ER visits due to diabetic ketoacidosis, a condition that results when patients do not have access to insulin. Not to mention, ER visits is a major factor of America's spiraling healthcare costs. As a state, we are not alone in passing insulin copay caps. As of today in the United States, 25 other states have passed bills that reduce the cost of insulin for local state residents (including states like Texas, Illinois, Washington, and more). There have been multiple studies that show how effective this bill has been in those states. Furthermore, some opponents, we realize, will argue that reducing the insulin copay would offset the cost on insurance companies, resulting in higher premiums for all. However, the effect of increased premiums is small. For example, studies have shown in multiple states including Kentucky that there was only a \$0.07 to \$0.24 increase in monthly premiums as a result of a decreased insulin copayment. Overall, the benefits of increasing insulin access are vast and realistically have no downside. Even if health insurance premiums go up a minuscule amount, it is justified to save patient lives by decreasing the copayment, making insulin more affordable for diabetics in Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>AREEB HASAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>SARAH SCHLEMEIER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI PHARMACY ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>213 E. CAPITOL AVENUE</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>HAMPTON WILLIAMS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>417-793-0673</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI INSURANCE COALITION</b>		TITLE:	
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