

My name is Lisa Lynn Chapman. I am submitting my testimony in support of AB555.

I am one of nearly [270,000 Nevadans](#) living with Type 2 diabetes. More concerning, it is estimated that an [additional 70,000 people](#) have diabetes and do not know it. [Untreated diabetes](#) can create detrimental and deadly complications, including cardiovascular disease (heart attack and stroke), chronic kidney disease, nerve damage, circulation issues leading to amputation of toes and feet, and diabetic ketoacidosis.

Last year, I developed diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA). It is a life-threatening condition that can lead to coma or death. It was a terrifying and painful experience that took over a month to get diagnosed. With constant glucose monitoring, insulin, medication, and changing my diet, it is under control. However, there is an extreme financial cost.

When I first started taking insulin (both short—and long-term), my needles and insulin were free, and my continuous glucose monitor was \$70 a month. However, my work changed insurance. Suddenly, my two different insulins cost \$60 each, and my needles were \$35 a month. Like most people, this cost was difficult to absorb into my stretched budget.

Insulin isn't an option for the almost 270,000 Nevadans living with diabetes. I thank Speaker Steve Yeager for introducing AB555, which will cap insulin costs at \$35 for all Nevadans. This critical, life-saving legislation is essential as our everyday costs rise.

Thank you for your time and support for this life-saving bill.