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Diabetes Leadership Council Calls on 117th Congress to Immediately Pass the INSULIN Act

WASHINGTON - The Diabetes Leadership Council (DLC), a diabetes and health care reform advocacy organization advancing patient-centered policies at the local, state and federal levels, today issued the following statement:

"We urge the 117th Congress to take immediate action to pass the bipartisan INSULIN Act (Improving Needed Safeguards for Users of Lifesaving Insulin Now Act), before time runs out. This bill will help make insulin more affordable for some of the more than 37 million Americans who are living with diabetes. While the time of your session winds down over the next several weeks, remember that there are millions of Americans who are struggling to pay the cost of medicine needed to stay alive. One in four insulin-dependent patients will have to keep rationing their supply, skipping doses, and risking their lives because they can't afford the cost. Some members of Congress have failed to act on their promise to help. Senator Shaheen, Senator Collins, and Congresswoman DeGette have acted valiantly to move helpful legislation forward. We hope others in Congress will follow their lead with action, not talk. We urge Congress to make valuable use of the time remaining in this session. It could extend the time remaining for millions of their constituents.

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DLC is a 501(c)(3) patient advocacy organization comprised of individuals who combine their passion for advocacy with decades of diabetes experience and leadership to advance patients-first policies at the local, state and national levels. Our members – all former leaders of national diabetes organizations – engage policymakers, and public and private sector influencers to call attention to the diabetes epidemic and provide a voice for 37 million Americans living with the disease.