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[*Title – make sure to use the correct customary and official title*][*First* *Name*] [*Last* *Name*]

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[*City*, *Province*, *Postal* *Code*/*Zip* *Code*]

Dear [*Title*] [*First* *Name*] [*Last* *Name*],

I am writing to ask for your support for the T1International Type 1 Diabetes Access Charter. T1International is a charity that advocates for access to insulin, diabetes supplies, medical care and education for all people living with type 1 diabetes. The Charter was created to take a stand against the outrageous lack of access to life saving essentials that people with type 1 diabetes around the world face every day. By signing the Charter, you agree that everyone with type 1 diabetes has the following rights:

1. The right to insulin

2. The right to manage blood sugar

3. The right to diabetes education

4. The right to healthcare

5. The right to live a life free from discrimination

Insulin is a life-saving drug that people living with type 1 diabetes need to take every day in order to survive. Insulin was discovered almost 100 years ago and has saved millions from slow, painful deaths. Sadly, it remains out of reach for 50% of people who need it worldwide.

Many people with type 1 diabetes are dying or suffering expensive complications because insulin, and the supplies and education to manage diabetes, remain out of reach. Only three pharmaceutical companies control over 90% of the insulin market and often there is only one insulin supplier per country. This situation makes the supply of insulin vulnerable and the cost unaffordable.

Pricing for insulin and supplies is not transparent. Too often pharmaceutical companies are able to charge whatever high prices they want. The cost of insulin and other diabetes supplies regularly uses up a huge percentage of a person’s income. People with type 1 diabetes in [*your country name*] can spend more than [*insert number - T1International’s data from* [*https://t1international.com/insulin-and-supply-survey/*](https://t1international.com/insulin-and-supply-survey/) *can be used here, or the amount you personally spend*] % of their income on diabetes supplies and treatment.

As someone who is directly affected by these issues because [*Include information about why this cause is important to you. For example, how has the cost of insulin, test strips and other supplies affected you or your family?* ***We suggest one or two sentences****.*] I feel strongly that things need to change.

I would appreciate your support for the Type 1 Diabetes Access Charter. I have included a copy of the Charter with this letter. You can read more and sign the charter by visiting this link: <https://t1international.com/charter/>

**Keep or delete this sentence if you want to try to meet with the recipient of this letter:**

*I would also like to request the opportunity to meet with you so that we can discuss the Charter and access for people with type 1 diabetes in more detail.*

I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,

[*Your Signature*]

[*Your Name*]