**#insulin4all:** draft phone script

ADVOCATE:

Hi, my name is [name]. I am a constituent from [city/town, state]. Could I

please speak to the Representative's Legislative Assistant who handles health care?

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE:

Let me see if XXXX is available. May I ask what you are calling about?

ADVOCATE:

I am a person living with type 1 diabetes. I am calling about the increasingly unaffordable costs of insulin for people with type 1 diabetes.

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE HEALTH LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT:

Hi, this is XXXX, how can I help you?

ADVOCATE:

Hi, this is [name]. I’m from [city/town, state]. I have type 1 diabetes. As you may know, over 7 million Americans are insulin dependent, and many are struggling to afford the cost for their insulin. As a person with type 1 diabetes, I cannot survive without insulin.

Over the past two decades, insulin prices have increased 450% above the rate of inflation. Many individuals, those who are uninsured or on high deductible plans, are paying the list price of insulin. This amount can be from hundreds to thousands of dollars a month. In some cases, the cost of insulin can be more than a family’s mortgage.

[If comfortable disclosing:] I pay $x each month for my medication. OR Even with insurance, some people are paying $1,400 per month for insulin just to stay alive. This is forcing people to resort to drastic measures to stay alive.

Currently, there are thousands of pages asking for help to fund essential insulin on the “Go Fund Me” platform. Many people are rationing their insulin, and some have died because they could not afford their insulin. I worry because if I cannot afford the insulin I need, I will also be at risk of dying.

**I am asking you to consider raising legislation to encourage transparency for insulin pricing. Nevada recently passed Senate Bill 265, which requires insulin manufacturers to report costs and profits and to notify the state before planned price increases.**

I believe passing something similar to Nedava’s law in [state] can get bipartisan support.

We hope Congressman/Senator [name] will lead the way on more price transparency to stem ever-increasing unaffordable costs of insulin in [state].

If the Congressman/Senator has time to meet in person, I would love to have an in depth conversation on these issues with them. I can also provide a useful factsheet about the issues and similar legislation that has passed, if you can offer an email address.

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE HEALTH LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT:

I will let the Congressperson know that we talked and will get back to you regarding an in person meeting.

ADVOCATE:

Thank you so much for your time.

\*Ensure they take down your contact information\*