**Send to your Legislator**

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**Email #1**

**[DATE]**

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

I am a constituent and am sending this email to you because the coronavirus pandemic has prohibited us from gathering at the State Capitol to meet with you in person for our 2020 Single Payer Day on the Hill that was scheduled for today. The public health challenge we are facing with the current epidemic brings into sharp focus **the need for comprehensive, affordable health care for all, in our state and in our nation. The MN Health Plan is the best vehicle to ensure the health and safety of all.**

The COVID-19 pandemic is not the only challenge with our country’s health care system. Approximately 29 million of us are uninsured and an additional 41 million of us are underinsured—which means they can’t afford to use the health insurance they have because of co-pays, deductibles, co-insurance, and premiums. Medical bills are the leading cause of personal bankruptcy in the U.S., and 75% of those facing bankruptcy had insurance. We spend 34 cents of every health care dollar on the wasteful administrative bureaucracy of our multi-payer system.

As a constituent, [**I thank you for co-authoring the proposal for a Minnesota Health Plan (SF1125/HF1200) or I encourage you to co-auther the Minnesota Health Plan bill (SF1125/HF1200)]**

Additionally, as the house and senate emergency insulin bills head to conference committee, I also ask you to **support the Alec Smith Insulin Affordability Act** with either option for the pharmaceutical companies to pay the costs. This emergency insulin should be available at every pharmacy in the state of Minnesota. The sunset clause in Senate Bill 3019 should be removed or amended to have no expiration date of the emergency insulin availability.

**Please also support the Primary Care Case Management bill, (SF853/HF718).** This bill removes private health insurance administration of our public programs and uses the savings to establish primary care case management. This helps us begin to put some of the infrastructure in place for state-based universal health care.

Lastly, Physicians for a National Health Program Minnesota (PNHPN MN) and Health Care for All Minnesota (HCAMN) are urging legislators to **support the recommendation of the Drug Pricing Affordability Task Force to establish a Drug Pricing Affordability Commission (SF353/HF1668)**. The action on insulin is a step forward but we need to find ways to bring down the prices of other drugs as well. This commission could be part of the administrative framework we would need for a state-based health plan like the Minnesota Health Plan.

Sincerely,

 [Your Name]

**Email #2**

(Send to the Legislators listed at below)

**The Alec Smith Insulin Affordability Act**

Dear [Legislator’s Title and Name here],

The diabetes community in Minnesota supports the Alec Smith Insulin Affordability Act with either of the options requiring the pharmaceutical companies to pay for the emergency insulin. This emergency insulin should be available at every pharmacy in the state of Minnesota.

However, I ask that the sunset clause in Senate Bill 3019 be removed or amended to have no expiration date of the emergency insulin availability.

Sincerely,

[Your Name Here]

Send to members of the Alec Smith Insulin Affordability Act Conference Committee:

*Representatives: Mike Howard, Tina Liebling, Kelly Morrison, Tony Albright, Anne Neu Senators: Scott Jensen, Michelle Benson, Eric Pratt, Julie Rosen, and Melissa Wiklund.*

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