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* constituent of Rep Hansen in HD6

* a patient and 7 year survivor of a rare cancer known as Neuroendocrine or Carcinoid cancer for which there is currently no cure

* the grandmother of a young girl, one of 450,000 children diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes

* I belong to a cancer support group and attend the Type 1 Diabetes Association information meetings where I hear of the problems patients and their families have with high priced drugs

* I am the beneficiary of excellent bipartisan legislation called 21st Century Cures sponsored by Colorado's Rep DeGette and Republican Representative Fred Upton from Michigan. Its purpose was to accelerate the pace of cures and medical breakthroughs in the United States by streamlining the drug and device development process. I am currently UCH's first patient in a Phase II drug trial for an orphan drug which is a radioactive treatment to kill my neuroendocrine tumors. I am halfway through a 32 week trial. The results of the trial across the nation have been outstanding and at the end of January the FDA approved this treatment before the trial was completed! This action was possible because of the 21st

has an unexpected \$250 bill for the drug that she cannot be without. As a young middle schooler who must run to the clinic to do injections, try to get to class on time, rush to catch her bus, incidents happen that require a large outlay for more insulin. I hear from families who do not have that money whose children suffer various consequences from not having the insulin they need.

I AM QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THE HIGH COST OF DRUGS. I want you to do whatever you can to lower prices and increase access.

Unfortunately, I do not see the value of the information gathering that HB18-1260 would require. I have here the information that a patient such as myself requires. Each year I get these two large booklet of benefits and formulary for my insurance supplement. Medicare and Tricare for Life information is on their well done websites. I do not see how gathering information about the cost increases for drug products would help lower costs or improve access. When the cost of drugs like insulin or the epi-pens go sky high, there is information in the news. Having the Division of Insurance post price increases on their website will not help me, my granddaughter or my fellow cancer patients and the 450,00 children with Type 1 Diabetes.

To quote my retired Marine husband, this is N/R;N/D, Not Required; Nor Desired.