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The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Chairman  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and  
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The Honorable Mike Enzi  
Ranking Member  
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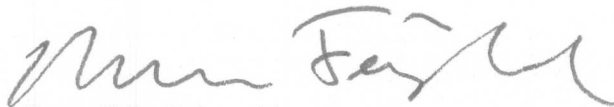
Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Enzi:

I urge you to have the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions take up and pass S. 3058, an act to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program. This bipartisan bill will extend and fund the program through fiscal year 2016.

The Special Diabetes Program, administered by the National Institutes of Health, is a unique research program that focuses on finding a cure for type 1 diabetes and its complications. This program represents over a third of the federal investment and has yielded significant advancements in the fight against the disease. Because diabetes is one of the costliest chronic diseases to manage, new treatments have the potential to save billions of dollars in future medical costs.

Nearly three million Americans, many of whom are children and young adults, suffer from type 1 diabetes. A timely, multi-year renewal of the program will ensure the continuation of the large-scale clinical trials that are translating discoveries from the program's early years into new treatments - and possibly a cure. I hope you will join me in supporting the millions affected by diabetes by taking up and passing this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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