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TEXAS SENATE APPROVES LEGISLATION JOINT-AUTHORED BY SENATOR BLANCO TO CAP COST OF INSULIN

Austin, Texas - Today, the Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 827 by Chair Kolkhorst and joint-authored by Senator César Blanco. Senate Bill 827 will reduce and cap the cost of copays for insulin at \$50.

Almost 3 million Texans, roughly 14 percent of the adult population, have diabetes. The price of insulin has increased 1,000 percent over the last 25 years, making it more and more difficult for Texans to afford. Texans frequently spend anywhere from \$300 to over \$1,000 per month on the cost of their supply of insulin, not including any additionally needed diabetes-related medical supplies. Senate Bill 827 reduces the cost of life-saving medicine needed to treat diabetes.

Senator Blanco issued the following statement:

"Entering my first term in the Texas Senate, I promised to fight for lower drug prices. This bill delivers on that promise. This bill will have a direct economic and life-saving impact for Texans. I am proud to join Chairwoman Kolkhorst as a joint-author on SB 827 to make insulin more affordable for diabetics.

"Diabetes affect millions of Texans, with Latinos inflicted at a higher rate, and it's reported that one in four people with diabetes are skipping their doses because they can't afford their medicine. This bill will rein in the cost of insulin because no one should have to choose between putting food on the table and affording their medicine."

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"Al entrar en mi primer mandato en el Senado de Texas, prometí luchar por precios más bajos de los medicamentos. Este proyecto de ley cumple esa promesa. De igual forma, tendrá un impacto económico directo y salvará la vida de muchos tejanos. Estoy orgulloso de unirme a la senadora Kolkhorst como coautor de SB 827 para hacer que la insulina sea más asequible para los diabéticos.

"La diabetes afecta a millones de tejanos y los latinos son afectados en mayor medida. De acuerdo a informes, una de cada cuatro personas con diabetes no recibe sus dosis porque no pueden pagar sus medicamentos. Este proyecto de ley frenará el costo de la insulina porque nadie debería tener que elegir entre poner comida en la mesa o pagar sus medicinas."