

Duckworth Statement on Bipartisan Proposal to Lower Cost of Insulin, Saving Lives and Money for Working Families

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) today issued the following statement in response to the new bipartisan proposal—the *Improving Needed Safeguards for Users of Lifesaving Insulin Now (INSULIN) Act*—to lower the cost of insulin for working families:



"Every time I hear from an Illinoisan who is facing the unbearable decision of either paying for their—or their child's—lifesaving prescription drugs or paying for rent, the

same frustrating question comes to mind: how are we still allowing Big Pharma to have such a stranglehold on our country?

"No American who relies on insulin should have to ration their medication to afford their bills. That's why I was proud to help introduce earlier legislation that would cap out-of-pocket insulin costs at \$35 per month, which has been included in the *INSULIN Act*. I'm proud to support this proposal and I hope we can move quickly to get this passed and to President Biden's desk so we can lower costs for working families across the nation."

In March, Duckworth <u>joined</u> U.S. Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-GA) to introduce the *Affordable Insulin Now Act*, which would require Medicare plans and private group or individual plans to cap patients' out-of-pocket costs for insulin at \$35 per month.