



**House Bill 390  
Proponent Testimony**

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Chairman Brinkman and Members of the House Insurance Committee:

My name is Gary Dougherty and I am the Director of State Government Affairs for the American Diabetes Association (ADA), the nation's leading voluntary health organization fighting to bend the curve on the diabetes epidemic.

Unfortunately, I am unable to appear before you today, but I wanted to submit my written testimony in support of HB 390 on behalf of the ADA and the more than 4.3 million Ohioans with or at risk for diabetes.

Among the ADA's legislative and regulatory priorities is to ensure all people with and at risk for diabetes are covered under public and private health insurance that provides adequate and affordable access to the medications, tools, education, and health care necessary to meet the ADA's Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes.

By codifying the patient protections included in the Affordable Care Act, HB 390 represents a pathway to ensuring better quality coverage. These protections include a ban on pre-existing conditions exclusions, a requirement to cover certain essential health benefits, and a ban on annual and lifetime limits.

Ensuring protections for individuals with pre-existing conditions, such as diabetes, is crucial when seeking to increase access to affordable, quality health care coverage. The coverage of essential health benefits such as emergency services, hospitalization, prescription drugs, and chronic disease management are also critical for Ohioans trying to manage their diabetes on a daily basis.

The American Diabetes Association believes that the protections sought in HB 390 are vital for people living with and at risk for diabetes and urges your support as well.

Thank you very much for your attention. If you have any questions, please direct them to me at [gdougherty@diabetes.org](mailto:gdougherty@diabetes.org) and I will do my best to answer them for you.

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