



# American Association of Diabetes Educators

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Dear Honorable Senator Shannon Jones:

The American Association of Diabetes Educators supports Senate Bill 287.

As states continue to grapple with the severe human and financial tolls diabetes takes on their states, many states have enacted Diabetes Action Plans (DAPs).

Ohio is one of 19 states with the highest incidence of diagnosed diabetes cases in the U.S. According to the most recent data from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Ohio has 1,048,918 individuals diagnosed with diabetes. This number does not include those who have pre-diabetes and may not know it.

DAPS are a positive vehicle which can help ensure that legislators and other policymakers are thinking strategically about and taking steps toward reducing the prevalence of diabetes in their states.

AADE is a multi-disciplinary professional membership organization dedicated to improving diabetes care through innovative education, management and support. With more than 14,000 professional members including nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, exercise specialists, and others, AADE has a vast network of practitioners working with people who have, are affected by or are at risk for diabetes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at [kanderson@aadenet.org](mailto:kanderson@aadenet.org) or call me at 312 601-4873.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Anderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kurt Anderson  
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American Association of Diabetes Educators