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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Upton and Congressman Waxman:

On behalf of JDRF and its volunteers, I would like to congratulate you and your colleagues on the Committee on Energy and Commerce in reaching a bipartisan agreement on the reauthorization of the *Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 2012* and the *Medical Device User Fee Act of 2012*. You have long demonstrated your commitment to patients and the innovation that is so critical to the future of families living with type 1 diabetes.

As an organization dedicated to finding a cure for type 1 diabetes, better treatments and technologies for diabetes, JDRF is pleased that, as a result of this legislation, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will receive a significant increase in the resources that assist in the process of approving drugs, biologics, generics and devices that help people with type 1 diabetes lead healthier lives. JDRF is very hopeful that the additional resources and the performance goals that the FDA has set as part of the user fee agreements will directly benefit patients.

Your bipartisan legislation comes at a critical time, ensuring that there is a well-defined pathway for future products that will improve the health of those with diabetes. To date, JDRF has been very engaged with the FDA on the advancement of critical therapies and devices, including artificial pancreas technologies. Indeed, we are very pleased that the agency has issued draft guidance on these technologies- a milestone in the process of getting agency approval. We believe your legislation will better enable FDA to effectively review and approve future products of similar significance in a timely manner.

Again, congratulations on reaching a timely agreement and thank you for your continued leadership, dedication and all of your efforts on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Brewer', written in a cursive style.

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