

LETTERHEAD

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
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Dear Senator Wyden:

The Dalles City Council encourages you to support the continuation of the federal Special Diabetes Program (SDP). This program was established in 1997 and provides \$150 million annually for research into cures for Type 1 diabetes and prevention and disease management for Type 2 diabetes in American Indian and Native Alaska communities.

This research has shown real promise and there have been incredible advancements since the program's inception. There is no question that it has made a positive impact on those living with diabetes and allowed for longer, healthier lives.

However, the SDP is set to expire in September and if this program ends, it will deal a devastating blow to those living with diabetes and those in the medical community dedicated to eliminating it.

That is why I ask that you work with your colleagues to pass a sustained, three-year renewal for this program. It is currently set to expire at the end of September and it should continue, so that critical clinical trials can continue in an unhindered manner with access to necessary resources. I appreciate your consideration of this issue and look forward to your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Congressman Greg Walden