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To Whom It May Concern:

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I am writing as Division Head of Endocrinology at The Hospital Sick Children, to support the Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre's request for increased funding for provision of paediatric diabetes care.

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As part of the Pediatric Ontario Diabetes Network, we are responsible for providing interdisciplinary care to children and their families with type 1 diabetes. In addition, at some sites, such as the Best Centre, care is continued into adulthood. Management of type 1 diabetes has become increasingly complex over the past decade with newer technologies such as pumps and continuous glucose monitors becoming more widely available. The time to review data from these devices and adjust insulin therapy and/or nutrition in response to glucose patterns has increased significantly for health care providers since the adoption of these technologies. We have also noted an increased in the incidence of type 1 diabetes across the province since the pandemic. It is essential that our diabetes sites be able to accommodate new patients and provide care for families close to home. Diabetes care provided by the Best Centre is exceptional but has been strained due to lack of resources. They work closely with us accommodating new patients who are seen at SickKids but live in their catchment area. I would highly support renewed investment in resources to allow the Best Centre to continue to provide excellent care to their patients and families.

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