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Opening Statement of Chairman Joseph Lieberman  
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I look forward to these hearings every session and I do because they are so constructive. In a city and government in which too often too little happens that’s constructive these days, this is a cause that unites people across party lines and has enabled us certainly in recent years to come together to be supportive of diabetes research and to help facilitate some of the really miraculous advances that have occurred in dealing with diabetes in our time. The fact that you children--young people--are here is the most important thing of all, you are the best advocates of this cause and first off you show everybody how well you are doing dealing with diabetes. The second thing is you make us all want to make the investments that are necessary to make sure that we not only better treat diabetes but really in your lifetime that we have a cure for diabetes. It is with that sense of optimism that I am honored to welcome you and all the other witnesses today