

Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Committee for the Care of the Diabetic, Dr. Robert Bradley as Chairman and I as Counsel are pleased to testify today before this Committee on a matter of extreme importance to the medical and scientific community: the continuing controversy relating to the UGDP study.

The Committee on the Care of the Diabetic is a group of 180 physicians who represent leading diabetologists and it includes clinicians, researchers and academicians throughout the United States. The group was formed in November 1970 shortly after the UGDP results were released. Its chairman, as I mentioned, is Dr. Robert Bradley, who is here with me today, and its coordinating committee consists of Drs. Henry Dolger, Peter Forsham, Holbrooke Seltzer, and John B. O'Sullivan.

For the last five years, the Committee on the Care of the Diabetic has been engaged in the continuing and often bitter controversy which has surrounded the University Group Diabetes Program (UGDP). This controversy has involved the Congress, the Courts, the National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, the manufacturers, and scientists, physicians and patients throughout the United States and, indeed, throughout the world.