

My name is Melissa DeMartini and I am an Oregon registered voter. I am a parent to a daughter who has PANDAS. I am emailing to ask for your support on House Bill 2390, a bill to ensure insurance parity for Oregon Children with PANDAS/PANS. Oregon insurers are denying care for the most severe children with the neuroimmune disorders that cause a host of psychiatric and neurological symptoms post infection. Our daughter suffered a strep infection in 2017. Following her infection she immediately developed severe anxiety, urinary issues, sleep disturbances, and OCD. This devastating disorder affects 1 in 200 children, which is over 4,000 children in Oregon alone. Insurers are denying access to treatment for the most severe cases and we need your help. 8 other states have passed legislation already ensuring that children in their states have access to this care. This is a devastating disorder and we need your support for these children.