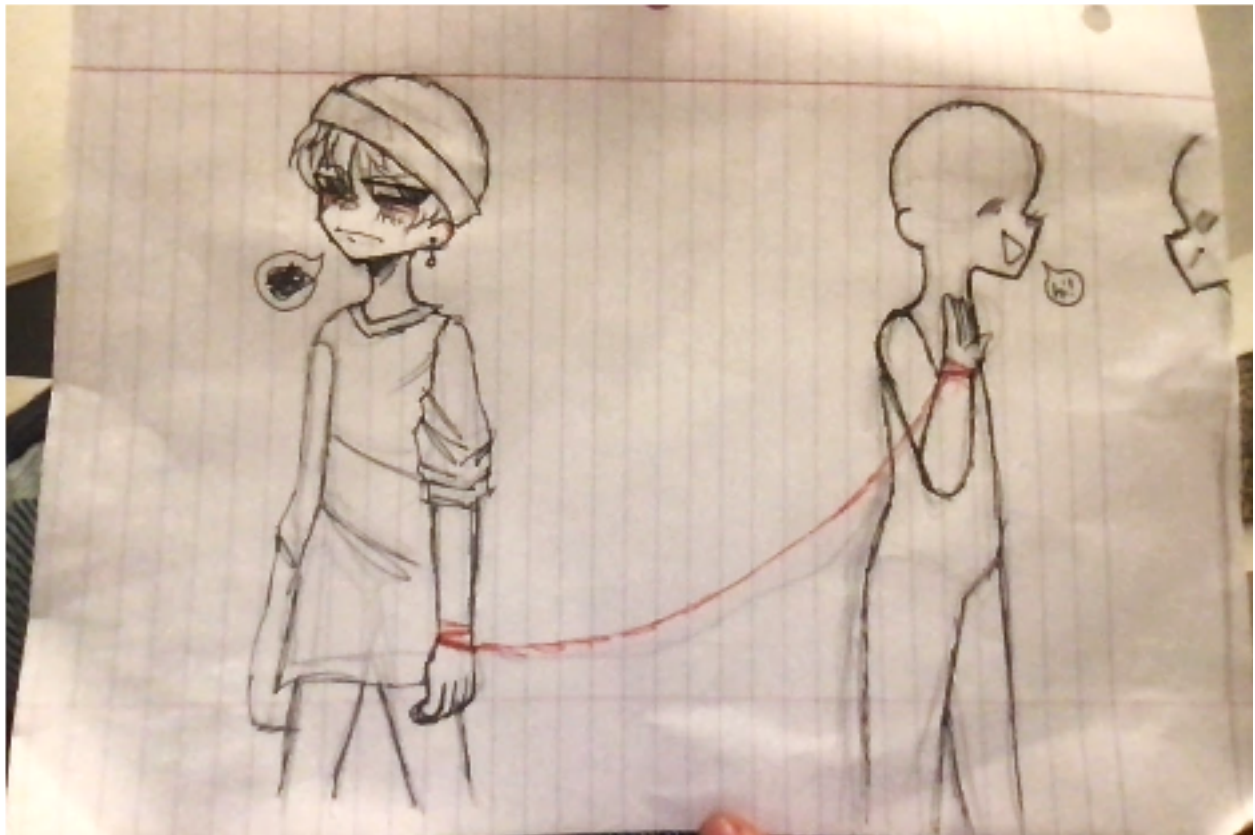


My name is Sydney McCornack and I am writing in support of HB2390. When I was 6 years old I was diagnosed with pANDAS. This resulted in insomnia, hallucinations, dietary restrictions, anxiety, ADHD behaviors, tics, and rage. I am now 12 years old and have been well for 15 months thanks to IVIG. I was one of the lucky ones. I got help and my parents were able to pay for the treatment I needed, but others aren't so lucky. So many can't pay for the treatment their children need, resulting in the effects of pANDAS to only increase and the children to suffer. These children need your help. Please support HB2390

I tried to represent what it felt like to have pANDAS and what it feels like to be better in these next two drawings I did. The first one is when I wasn't in a good place. I felt isolated from everybody else and I was mad at everyone including myself but I didn't know why. I felt like I was always doing something wrong, although I didn't know what. My friends didn't know what was going on so they couldn't really help in any way and whenever someone did help I just got mad.



Now that I am in a stable condition, I feel like I can connect with those around me much more and I can build friendships and relationships instead of ruining and degrading them. I don't get mad easily and I feel like people understand me. IVIG helped me more than I can ever imagine

and i'm so grateful that i could get the care i needed.

