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I'm writing in support of HB 2390.

My name is Kym McCornack. I'm the Outreach Coordinator for NWPPN and the mother to a 12 yr old daughter diagnosed with PANDAS at 6.

My daughter was antibiotic and steroid dependent for several years. In just under 3 years she required antibiotics daily and 7, 5 week steroid tapers, that's 35 weeks of steroids in total. She couldn't safely continue to take steroids. We were told she required IVIG but Regence denied this care. She was a tormented child. I would find drawing that were heart breaking. They had a consistent theme. She was a tiny figure cowering on the floor surrounded by giant shadow monsters. In these drawing she was helpless and small, the monsters were big and overwhelming. The one that stands out and is particularly difficult for me is a drawing where she is again surrounded by shadow monsters and one of them has plucking her heart from her chest. It's shattering to see this kind of expression of suffering and pain. These weren't meant for us to view, just her expression of feeling of helplessness as PANDAS controlled her. She's one of the lucky kids though. We could afford to pay privately for the care she desperately needed. After 6 infusions and \$48,000 she has been well and flare free for almost 15 months and counting. She hasn't required antibiotic or steroids. I'm happy to report she isn't drawing shadow monsters any longer. This would not have been possible without IVIG.

It's inhumane for insurance companies to withhold medically necessary care. Those that can't afford to pay privately are left with ill, suffering children with no option for healing.

My daughter is testament that healing can happen with proper treatment.

I urge you to support HB 2390!