

To the Senate Healthcare Committee;

I am writing to express my strong support of SB 628. My son's best friend has PANS and I have seen firsthand the devastating effects of his symptoms. Thank goodness he has recovered from flares, but I know his parents are constantly afraid that he next time, he will not. His father was a janitor and retired early to take care of him, because the first time he was sick they needed to keep him isolated and prevent him from being exposed to illness again. Dad works on cars and raises chickens to make money while being at home, and his mother is a Special education teacher. There is no way they could afford high end treatments if their son did not recover from flare, and this cloud always looms over them. Working class families deserve healthy children as much as anyone. It is not fair that kids on Oregon Health Plan can get care paid for when families who work hard to have a job with private insurance cannot. Please pass SB 628 and when you do, know that you are saving lives and families. Thank you.

-Natalie Sundseth