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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: SB628

Hello. My name is Sarah Collins and I'm an Oregon registered voter and a parent advocate of a 10 year old who has PANDAS and who is emailing in support of Senate Bill 628, a bill to ensure all children in Oregon with PANDAS/PANS have access to the same care that the State of Oregon provides. Medicaid coverage for IVIG was approved in May of 2022 and despite the Insurance Commissioner of Oregon issuing notice to all Oregon insurers about this advancement in coverage, Oregon insurance companies are still denying this medical treatment and delaying medical care for the sickest children in our state with P/P. Additionally, 10 other states have passed legislation already ensuring that children in their state have access to this care. Please stand in support of Oregon's children who also deserve this same access to care. Don't let insurers decide to withhold medically necessary treatment that our own state provides.

My Daughter's life came to a screeching halt overnight and has severe symptoms from Pandas that has made her unable to go to school, leave the house, play or talk to friends and struggles with extreme panic attacks, agoraphobia, headaches and more. My child was a social butterfly, thriving in school and excited about her future. She now suffers daily and we cannot afford the treatment that could get her back to her old life. IVIG therapy has done wonders for so many children with symptoms just like hers. It's unfair that any child should be made to suffer without access to proven treatment options that are made available to only some children. Please do the right thing. My Daughter is counting on you and time is of the essence.

Thank you.