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Hello.

My name is William R. Meyer, and my wife is Carole A. Meyer. We live in Portland and are Oregon registered voters. We are also grandparents of a young girl who has PANDAS/PANS.

I am emailing to ask for your support on Senate Bill 628, a bill to ensure insurance parity for Oregon children with PANDAS/PANS. Oregon insurers are denying care for the most severe children with these neuroimmune disorders, which can cause a host of psychiatric and neurological symptoms post-infection.

Ten other states already have passed legislation to ensure that children in their state have access to this care. Oregon passed coverage for IVIG in May of 2022 for children on Medicaid, but that does not compel private insurers to do likewise.

Can we count on your support to ensure every child has access to this care and not just those who are on Medicaid or who can pay privately? Working class families should also be able to obtain medically necessary care for their children. These Oregon children are counting on you.

Thank you.

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