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Hi- I am the parent of 2 children, one of whom had had PANS for several years and one of whom has soft signs. To date, my children have not needed IVIG. I am thankful that they have not needed IVIG but we know several families who have benefitted greatly from receiving it. I would like to voice support of the bill requiring that IVIG be provided to children with PANS who need it. I would also like to say that I so much appreciate Oregon for advocating for children with PANDAS PANS. I can say over the past 6months our pediatrician has expressed that she attended an in-service, learning about PANS. My child's psychologist expressed knowledge and support of care for PANS and even the dentist expressed knowledge and interest in PANS as our child will be getting an orthotic this summer and disrupting bacteria in the mouth can cause a flare. As a parent it is extremely hard and defeating to watch your seemingly healthy child change and develop struggles and to have your care providers ignore, dismiss and discount symptoms, challenges and concerns. I am so thankful that Oregon is requiring (that's what I have been told) that providers receive education, its relieving a large stress on our lives. I hope that the legislature will support families of children with PANDAS PANS receiving care including IVIG. Thank you.