

FROM THE DESK OF

Northwest PANDAS/PANS Network (NWPPN)

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Re: SB772, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors
(NDs)



Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

Northwest PANDAS/PANS Network is writing this letter in support of SB 772. As an organization dedicated to raising awareness about a form of autoimmune encephalitis known as PANDAS/PANS, we are all too familiar with the importance of Naturopathic Physicians in the care of our community. Naturopathic Physicians have been instrumental for children in our state with these disorders.

Naturopathic Physicians provide comprehensive care that cannot be found elsewhere. The time spent with these children, that can often be complex and time intensive, is a level of care that is absolutely necessary but not provided by any other type of medical provider. The level of education, support and competent care has helped hundreds of PANDAS/PANS children obtain diagnosis, treatment and support. Without Naturopathic Physicians care of this population, there would be a huge lack of accessible care in our state.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. It is beyond essential that their time is compensated so that they can continue to treat populations of patients that would otherwise be without care.

Our children in this state with PANDAS/PANS rely on the Naturopathic community for care of children with this form of autoimmune encephalitis. Their leadership in caring for this population and their dedication to comprehensive care via time spent with the patient is how healthcare should be practiced. We are beyond grateful for their care of our children and believe they should be compensated accordingly.

I am asking you to vote yes on SB772 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

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