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The Honorable Rachel Prusak, RN, FNP  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE, H-489, Salem, Oregon 97301  
[Rep.RachelPrusak@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:Rep.RachelPrusak@oregonlegislature.gov)

Dear Congresswoman Prusak:

On behalf of more than 200 pediatric nurse practitioners across the state, the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners is pleased to endorse the “Oregon PANDAS/PANS Insurance Coverage Bill (LC969)”.

As you are well aware, this legislation would help improve access to evidence-based treatment (IVIG) for pediatric patients suffering negative effects associated with Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome/Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Strep (PANS/PANDAS) by holding individual and commercial insurers operating in Oregon accountable to provide such coverage.

This legislation is in alignment with our National organization’s commitment to ensuring that ALL children “have access to comprehensive, continuous, coordinated, compassionate, culturally responsive, sensitive and family-centered health care... to ensure physical and psychosocial health and well-being.” We strive, along with your efforts, to help “address growing disparities of costs of healthcare, including insurance coverage, adequacy of benefits, [and] out of pocket expenses for... pharmaceuticals.”

Our Chapter and its members are committed to supporting the “Oregon PANDAS/PANS Insurance Coverage Bill (LC969)”, and its adoption to help improve quality of life for children across our State. We are eager to work with you to secure its passage and thank you for your leadership regarding this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Oregon Chapter of NAPNAP President