

I am writing in support of HB 2390. I know two families who have been profoundly impacted by the needs and challenges of their children with PANDAS/PANS. These kids' conditions touch every part of their lives—from what they eat to how they can or can't be in school and how they are able (or not) to interact in their home environment. One family even had to change homes in order to accommodate the needs of their son. These are families who have insurance and are able to have a parent at home to support the caregiving of their child affected by PANDAS/PANS. I cannot imagine what it would be like for a family who did not have this kind of more stable financial situation and moral support in place. All kids affected by P/P should have access to the proven-effective care they need to heal.

I know we have major problems with our healthcare system, but I don't think we should be willing to ignore the suffering of these children and their families by focusing only on the "big picture" and reform of the whole system. I won't ever be in support of putting the needs of profit-driven insurers ahead of the needs of patients. I encourage you to pass HB 2390.