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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB628

Hello,

My name is Will French, and while I do not live in Oregon and am not an Oregon registered voter, I am a medical provider in Seattle, WA, who has treated youth diagnosed with PANDAS/PANS and have seen the serious negative impact that these illnesses have on youth wellness and healthy development. Additionally, I have witnessed the hardships families face in accessing and affording indicated treatments. I am emailing you to offer my support of Senate Bill 628, a bill to ensure all children in Oregon with PANDAS/PANS have access to the same care that the State of Oregon provides. Medicaid coverage for IVIG was approved in May of 2022, and despite the Insurance Commissioner of Oregon issuing notice to all Oregon insurers about this advancement in coverage, Oregon insurance companies are still denying this medical treatment and delaying medical care for the sickest children in your state with PANDAS/PANS. Ten other states (unfortunately Washington is not one of them) have passed legislation ensuring that children in their state have access to this care. Please stand in support of all of Oregon's children, who deserve this same access to care. Please do not let insurers decide to withhold medically necessary treatment that your own state Medicaid now affirms and provides.

Thank you,

Will French, MD