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Chair Patterson and Members of the HealthCare Committee,

My name is Kandece Meyer. I'm an Oregon registered voter who is urging you to support **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 our state with PANDAS/PANS. Additionally, 10 other states have passed legislation already ensuring that children in their state have access to this care. Please stand in support of Oregon's children who also deserve this same access to care. Don't let insurers decide to withhold medically necessary treatment that our own state provides. Thank you.

Kandece Meyer