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Dear Senate Healthcare Committee Members;

I am writing in support of HB628. Since knowing a friend's child with PANS I have researched the condition and helped to identify other children in our community who were experiencing symptoms. I have been shocked to learn how common PANS is. Research estimates that 1:200 children experience symptoms. I am a reading specialist assistant in our local school, and I know of 4 children at the elementary/intermediate level who are diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS, which matches the statistic in the research. These children deserve treatment that will enable them to live full and healthy lives. Their parents need to be able to sleep at night knowing they can help their child without being financially devastated. Please pass SB628 and ensure that all children with PANS, not just the ones from rich families, can access the care they need in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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