

Dear Chairman Longbine and Members of the Insurance Committee,

Thank you for your service to the State of Kansas. I am writing to you in support of HB 2110, the PANS/PANDAS insurance coverage which was passed by the House. My family and others across the state have been negatively impacted by this disease and the lack of insurance coverage for treatment. My family was lucky. Our insurance covered all of our daughters PANS/PANDAS treatment. There are so many families that are not so lucky. My daughter had IVIG treatment for 2 1/2 years and she has been symptom free for 1 1/2 years. We want to see all families have the same access to treatment without having to use their life savings. These treatments are expensive, not to mention the travel that is usually involved. Insurance coverage is the best way to help our kids and their families.

Hard-working Kansan families, who have diligently paid premiums, deserve insurance coverage for illnesses they suffer. Early diagnosis and treatment is essential to healing the sufferers and for restoring their abilities to be healthy, productive members of society. Please support this important legislation as it works its way through the Senate chamber. I can be reached at hbaum75@yahoo.com should you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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