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Chairman Lipps, Ranking Member Boyd, and Distinguished Members of the House Health Committee:

I'm writing this letter today to let you know about the impact that PANDAS/PANS has had on a dear friend's daughter and the changes I've seen in the beautiful child. I've known Miss Nevaeh since she was a baby, she was a happy active social child. She was always smiling laughing and bringing light to everyone. Over the last few years I've watched that beautiful soul lose that light.

She isn't the same girl, from her tics, to her speech, to how she is socially, everything has changed with her. You can see it in her eyes on her face, her body language it's all changed. The amount of meds and supplements she is taking is out of this world. The struggle her mom alone faces with trying to get the best care for her daughter and paying out of pocket for most is unfair.

This is a child who at no fault of her own or mother's should have to worry about how they're going to pay for treatment or the doctor that insurance companies don't want to cover. My heart breaks to see Nevaeh now, to see her struggle and see that light gone is so unfair. No child no family no mother no one should have to stress over care for their child. I hope one day you get to meet Nevaeh maybe then you'll understand her pain and her mother's.

Sincerely,

Amy Peck