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

My name is Kristin Welch, and I am family friends with Nevaeh and her family. I have known this young lady since she was born. It has been more than heartbreaking watching her suffer, but even more devastating watching their family struggle with the financial impact that goes with the PANDA diagnosis.

I have witnessed Heather spend endless thousands on alternative treatments for her daughter in hopes of finding any type of improvement for Nevaeh even if it meant one less tic in the day. This bright young lady used to be incredibly outgoing, full of smiles, then PANDAS took over her life that made her avoid family functions, friends, and personal daily struggles full of anxiety.

I can not stress the importance of this bill being passed in order not only for Neveah to have proper access to treatment as well as other families. Please think of those that suffer not only physically from this but the financial burden it puts on these families as well.

Sincerely,
Kristin Welch