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SAMPLE LETTER/TALKING POINTS FROM PARENTS AND FRIENDS/FAMILY TO LEGISLATORS. PLEASE EDIT LETTER OR CHANGE COMPLETELY TO FIT YOUR OWN NEEDS AND PLEASE ADDRESS IT TO THE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATOR.

***ERASE ALL WORDS IN RED!***

Dear….

I’m writing to you today to ask for your support on SELECT ONE (Senate bill #S5332 or Assembly bill #A877) which would provide insurance coverage for NY residents suffering from PANS/PANDAS or Infection-Triggered Autoimmune Brain Inflammation.

What is PANS/PANDAS?

PANS (Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome) and PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcus) are both a post-infectious autoimmune disorder resulting in symptoms such as OCD, tics, depression, bed-wetting, cognitive decline, handwriting decline, ADHD. Covid has also created a post-infectious reaction such as this in some children and adults.

This is important to me personally because….TELL YOUR OWN STORY

Legislation such as this and early treatment can save NY a great deal of money that is currently spent on hospitalizations, medications, and educational costs for students unable to attend school. Eight states in the USA (AR, DE, IL, IN, MA, MD, MN and NH) now have legislation that require insurance to cover PANS/PANDAS treatments. We are hoping that you will make NY the 9th state.

Resources:

[www.PANDASPPN.org](http://www.pandasppn.org)

[www.aspire.care](http://www.aspire.care)

[www.PANDASNETWORK.org](http://www.pandasnetwork.org)

<https://med.stanford.edu/pans.html>

<https://www.massgeneral.org/children/research/pediatric-neuropsychiatry-and-immunology-research-program>

<https://peds.arizona.edu/cpae>

<https://uamshealth.com/location/arkansas-childrens/cpae-clinic/>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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