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Testimony **OPPOSSING: Senate Bill 37**

An Act Requiring Health Insurance Coverage for Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections

Dear Senator Crisco, Representative Megna, and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

I am a parent of a child with disabilities, an advocate for evidence based treatment, and a member of the Connecticut PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council. I am opposed to SB 37.

There is no empirical evidence that any of the proposed tests such as the Cunningham Panel, or treatments such as IVIG are effective for PANDAS/PANS, other than the utilization of antibiotics to treat a streptococcal infection which are already covered by insurance. Everything else is experimental.

In our recent report submitted in January, the CT PANDAS/PANS Advisory Council did not recommend insurance coverage for experimental treatments or tests.

Your truly,

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