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Massachusetts House of Representatives
State House, Room 254
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Massachusetts State Senate
State House, Room 112
Boston, MA 02133

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Subject: Request for Support on H.3920 - An Act relative to PANDAS/PANS screening in medical/clinical settings

Dear Chairman Murphy and Chairman Feeney:

I am writing to respectfully request your support for **H.3920 - An Act relative to PANDAS/PANS screening in medical/clinical settings**. Early detection and appropriate treatment of Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcus (PANDAS) should be a top priority in our state.

Feel free to share your personal story in this space...why this is important to you

Implementing standardized screening protocols for PANS and PANDAS in medical settings is crucial. By doing so, we can promptly identify cases, resulting in improved patient outcomes, reduced misdiagnosis, and a decrease in long-term healthcare and education costs associated with untreated PANS and PANDAS.

Prioritizing PANS and PANDAS screenings will not only safeguard the mental well-being of our children but also provide them with the best possible chance for recovery and a healthy future. We must address the pediatric mental health crisis by ensuring quality care reaches patients where they are seen.

By mandating PANS and PANDAS screenings at medical and clinical settings, we can bridge the gap between mental health and physical health, paving the way for comprehensive care and optimal treatment outcomes for our children.

I kindly request your support for H.3920 to make PANS and PANDAS screenings a statewide requirement. Your support will contribute to the well-being of our children, ensuring timely detection, intervention, and access to proper care.

Thank you for your attention and for giving serious consideration to this request. I look forward to hearing about your support for H.3920 and working together to prioritize the health of our children.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

cc: (insert your state senator and state representative here - and include them on the email)