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Hi, my name is Eiven, and I live in Frenchville.

I developed long covid after my second infection in 2023. Though I was barely sick and recovered quickly, I suddenly began to get panic attacks, brain fog, disordered sleep, and more. I wish I could say this was the worst of it. Last year, I began to suspect that my long covid symptoms were worsened due to an underlying condition: Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS). I've had all the hallmarks of it since childhood.

The problem is, according to the doctor I saw, even though she agreed with me, only a handful of providers in the entire nation know how to diagnose and provide guidance for the labyrinth of symptoms that comes with it.

So, not only with long covid, but with a degenerative disease, I am left figuring things out on my own.

This is why I support LD 1688. Especially with long covid becoming more prevalent as frequent re-infections occur, we need our doctors and nurses ready to help those new to chronic illness. No one should have to navigate this without a well-versed professional.

Thank you.