

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 28, 2020

The Honorable Megan J. Brennan
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster General Brennan,

We write to request that the United States Postal Service (USPS) quickly resume the sale of the Alzheimer's semipostal fundraising stamp, as directed by Congress in report language accompanying the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 appropriations agreement enacted in December 2019.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disease that poses a grave threat to the health of millions of Americans and the well-being of our nation as a whole. Most common among adults, Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in America. Currently, nearly 6 million people are suffering from Alzheimer's dementia in the United States, and unless we act now, this number is projected to increase to 14 million by the year 2050. The challenges posed by Alzheimer's dementia are substantial; however, continued breakthroughs in medical research will help achieve the national goal of preventing, and ultimately curing, Alzheimer's disease.

Many of us have worked diligently over the years to advocate for the creation of the Alzheimer's semipostal fundraising research stamp, and we were excited by its initial creation. Congress has expressed interest in the continued availability of the Alzheimer's semipostal research stamp, beyond the November 30, 2019 deadline that USPS established. In a letter sent to USPS on November 7, 2019, 44 members of Congress requested USPS to refrain from destroying the remaining Alzheimer's semipostal stamps until Congress had the chance to complete relevant FY 2020 appropriations language. We were pleased to learn that USPS agreed with our request, and that the agency decided to wait for Congress to resolve its differences regarding relevant language included in the FY 2020 appropriations package.

On December 20, 2019, the FY 2020 appropriations package was signed into law, and Congress again expressed clear support for continuing sale of the Alzheimer's semipostal stamp by including report language directing USPS to continue availability of the remaining Alzheimer's semipostal stamps. Specifically the FY 2020 appropriations report included the following language:

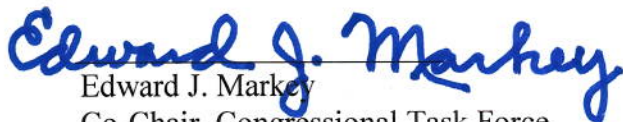
Alzheimer's Semipostal Fundraising Stamp.- The agreement notes strong support for the Alzheimer's Semi postal Fundraising Stamp. Millions of copies of the original printing of the stamp remain. In lieu of the Senate report directive, the U.S. Postal Service is

directed to continue to offer the stamp for sale to the public, in addition to any other semipostal stamps the Postal Service may issue under its rules and regulations. The U.S. Postal Service is further directed not to destroy any copies of the stamp.

To date, USPS has not resumed sale of the Alzheimer's semipostal stamp.

Congress, and Alzheimer's advocates alike have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to the creation, and continuation, of the Alzheimer's semipostal stamp. Discontinuing the sale of the Alzheimer's semipostal research stamp would thwart nearly two decades of work on bringing the vision of this stamp to fruition. We urge you to abide by the FY 2020 appropriations report language and quickly resume the sale of the remaining Alzheimer's semipostal stamps. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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on Alzheimer's Disease



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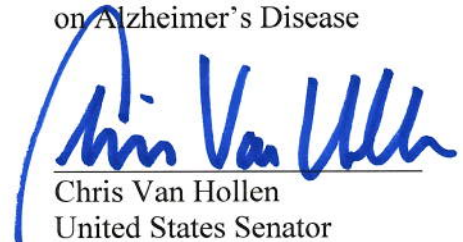
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