

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 7, 2019

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) refrain from destroying any copies of the Alzheimer's semipostal fundraising stamp until Congress has a chance to clarify intentions for the program in Fiscal Year 2020 (FY 2020) appropriations legislation.

For nearly two decades, many of us and many of our predecessors advocated for the creation of an Alzheimer's semipostal research stamp to help raise awareness and funding for Alzheimer's research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). We were pleased when USPS issued the Alzheimer's semipostal research stamp on November 30, 2017 under authority provided in the *Semipostal Authorization Act* (P.L. 106-253) to "issue and sell semipostals...to advance causes the Postal Service considers to be in the national public interest and appropriate." Current plans call for the Alzheimer's semipostal research stamp to remain on the market until November 30, 2019, at which point USPS will begin the process of removing this stamp and issuing another disease-specific research stamp for the next two years.

Congress has expressed interest in the continued availability of the current Alzheimer's semipostal research stamp. In addition to introducing legislation that would maintain stamp availability for six more years (S. 1728 and H.R. 3113), both chambers of Congress have acted to continue the Alzheimer's stamp in their respective FY 2020 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bills. Specifically, the House-passed legislation includes the following language:

*Provided further*, That the Postal Service may not destroy, and shall continue to offer for sale, any copies of the Alzheimer's Semipostal Stamp issued under section 416 of title 39, United States Code

It is our understanding that USPS printed 500 million Alzheimer's semipostal research stamps for the program. Upon conclusion of the two-year tenure, USPS will begin the process of collecting, inventorying, and then ultimately destroying any remaining stamps. Given our long-standing commitment to the creation of the Alzheimer's semipostal research stamp, coupled with the significant support the stamp has received from the Alzheimer's community, we believe that destroying such a large number of much-desired stamps is both wasteful and inconsistent with Congress' signaled intent to maintain the stamp for FY 2020.

We have learned that in lieu of destroying unsold stamps, USPS has the discretion to store unsold stamps, and has done so previously in situations where Congress has expressed interest in continuing a stamp's sale to the public. Given that Congress has outstanding legislative work regarding continuation of the Alzheimer's semipostal research stamp, we ask that you do not initiate any processes to destroy the stamp until Congress has completed the relevant FY 2020 appropriations legislation. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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Co-Chair, Congressional Task Force  
on Alzheimer's Disease



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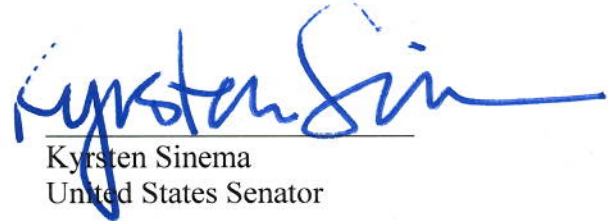
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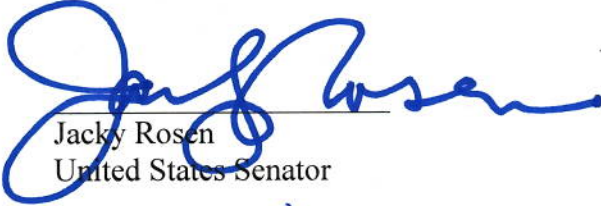




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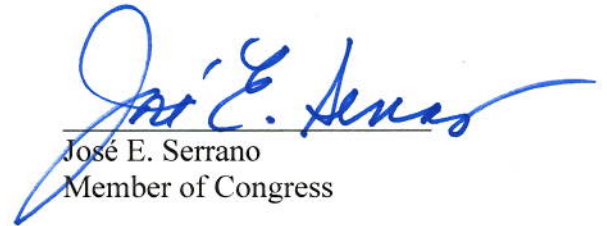
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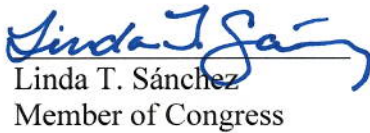
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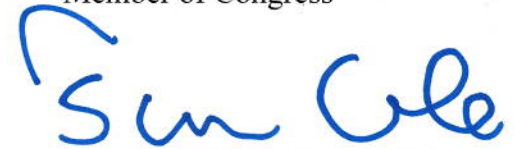
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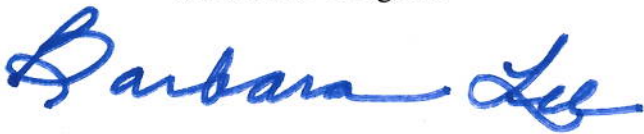
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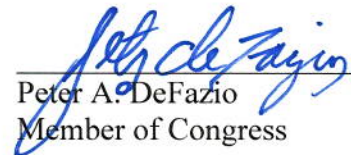
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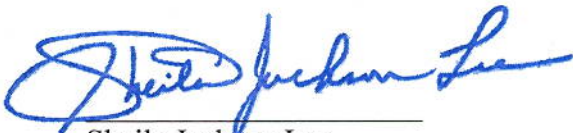
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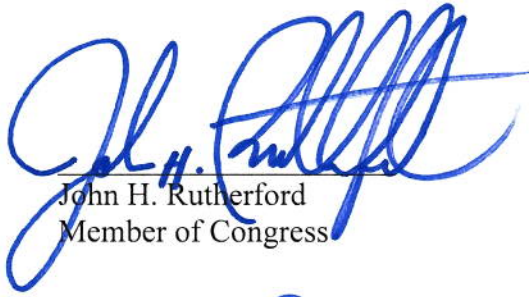
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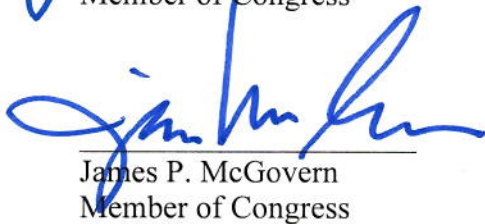
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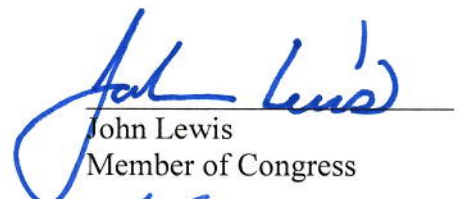
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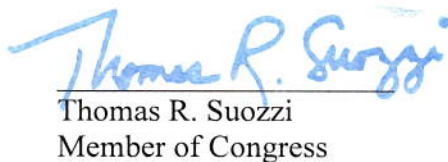
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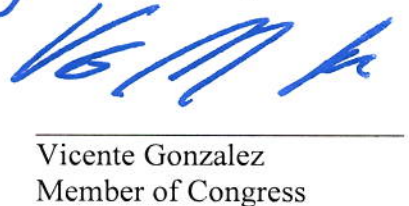
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