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TO: PRESIDENT OBAMA

FROM: MR. CHARLES FUSHCHILLO
ALZHEIMER'S FOUNDATION OF AMERICA
NEW YORK, NY 10001

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Our mission is "to provide optimal care and services to individuals confronting dementia, and to their caregivers and families—through member organizations dedicated to improving quality of life."

Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

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January 31, 2014

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA), a national nonprofit organization that unites more than 1,600 member organizations nationwide with the goal of providing optimal care and services to individuals confronting dementia, and to their caregivers and families, I wish to thank you for your Administration's continuing commitment to additional funding in support of Americans facing Alzheimer's disease now and in the future. To ensure fulfillment of this commitment, we are **requesting an additional \$500 million for Alzheimer's disease research and enhanced investments for caregiving supports and services in the Administration's budget for fiscal year 2015 (FY'15).**

Alzheimer's disease in the U.S. is at crisis proportions. As our population ages, incidences of the number of persons affected by this brain disorder are expected to triple by 2050¹. Costs associated with Alzheimer's disease are also growing at an unsustainable rate. A recent RAND study of adults aged 70 and older found that total economic cost of dementia in 2010 was estimated to be \$109 billion for direct care—higher than heart disease and cancer; and \$159 billion to \$215 billion when the cost of informal care is included².

Despite skyrocketing costs of Alzheimer's disease, investment in research has been funded at woefully low and flat levels during the past years. Smart investments in cancer, HIV/AIDS, cardiovascular disease and diabetes have yielded breakthrough treatments and given hope to millions. Without the same commitment for Alzheimer's disease, costs will continue to rise at unprecedented rates and promising research will remain unfunded, slowing scientific progress and putting Americans at risk for this terminal disease.

Recognizing this predicament, the Administration has made it a priority to tackle Alzheimer's disease and carry out the goals of the historic National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease, which calls for a cure or effective treatment by 2025. We appreciate that strides are being made, such as the additional \$80 million investment for Alzheimer's disease research at the NIH in the FY'14 budget, along with funding for the BRAIN Initiative, which will help researchers unlock the mysteries of the brain.

¹ Alzheimer disease in the United States (2010–2050) estimated using the 2010 census, *Neurology* (March, 2013).

² *Monetary Costs of Dementia in the United States*, *N. Engl. J. Med.* 2013; 368:1326-1334 (April 4, 2013) (www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMsa1204629).



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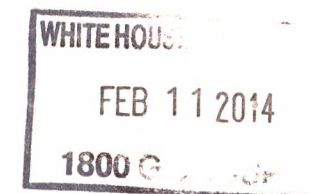
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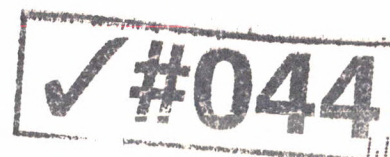
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