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Correspondent: **MS. MARGARET VALENZUELA**

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March 17, 2015

Ms. Margaret Valenzuela

Dear Margaret:

[REDACTED] but I hope you find some comfort in knowing your efforts may help spare others the pain you have had to bear. In your resolve, we see the fortitude of the American spirit.

Stories like yours motivate my Administration as we continue to support medical research and strive to improve the lives of all those touched by illness. I trust you take pride in the work you are doing, and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

[POTUS AP]

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National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, 2014

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Across our Nation, as many as 5 million Americans live with Alzheimer's disease—currently an irreversible, incurable, and fatal disease. Together with their loved ones, these individuals experience the tragic realities of a disease that gradually erases cherished memories, affects behavior, and destroys the ability to live independently and carry out the simplest daily tasks. This month, we recognize all those whose lives have been touched by Alzheimer's, and we renew our commitment to making progress in the war against it.

The Federal Government is the world's leading funder of Alzheimer's research, and we are dedicated to finding ways to prevent and effectively treat this devastating disease by 2025. Guided by the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease, my Administration is working to enhance care for Alzheimer's patients, expand support for all people with dementia, and strengthen public-private partnerships to support the Alzheimer's community. We have funded major new clinical trials, helped train health care providers to diagnosis and manage dementia, and launched a new website that serves as a one-stop resource on Alzheimer's issues. And this year, as part of our Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative, we announced new investments to support the research that could unlock the answers to this disease. To learn more about Alzheimer's disease—including risk factors and early signs and symptoms—and to access resources for patients and caregivers, Americans can visit www.Alzheimers.gov.

During National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, we join with researchers, health care providers, and patient advocates across our country to lift up all those who are battling this disease every day. As we come together to raise awareness about Alzheimer's, we honor the individuals who lost their lives to it, as well as the devotion and selflessness of the millions of caregivers who endure the financial and emotional strains of this disease. In their spirit, let us continue our work to end this debilitating ailment and its devastating effects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2014 as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. I call upon the people of the United States to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and support the individuals living with this disease and their caregivers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

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November 25, 2014

Mr. President and First Lady Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

If you are receiving this letter, it is because at some point, I was made aware that you had a personal experience with Alzheimer's disease...OR you did or said something that made me believe that you genuinely care about people.

Dear Mr. President and First Lady Obama:

[Redacted]

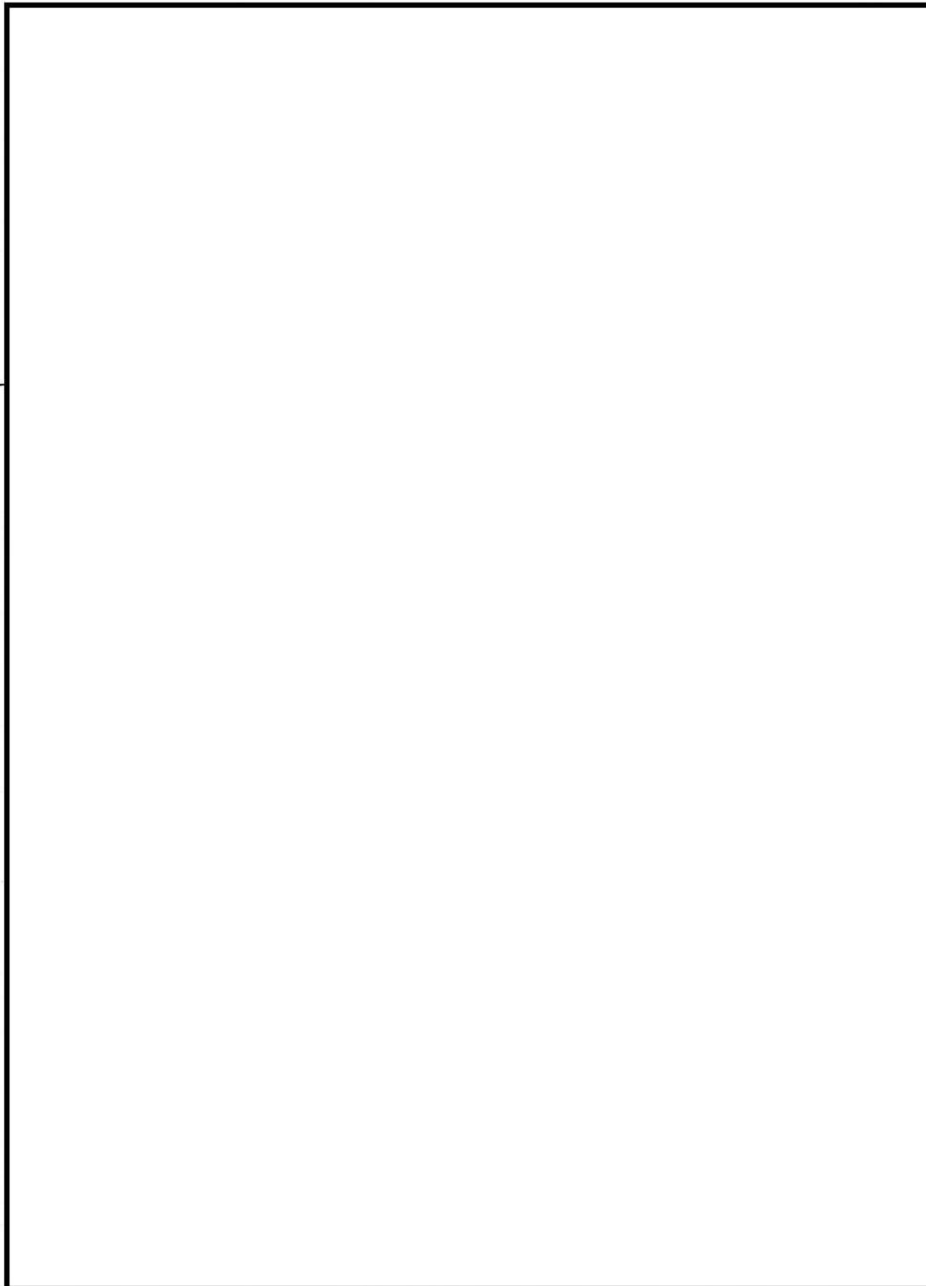
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more. I do know that the number of people being diagnosed with the symptoms has increased in the U.S. dramatically, and at a younger age.

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Someone needs to do something about this, and who better than our government, the most powerful country in the world, where others risk their lives trying to get here, for freedom, liberty and opportunity.

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I know many of these symptoms are the natural process of aging. This is ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, it

destroys the ones you love and in the process, annihilates the family. Please, this disease commands prompt attention. It is becoming an epidemic, and now people are being diagnosed at an earlier age.

[redacted] If we do possess this gene, is it a death sentence? What is it that causing this gross upturn in our families, in our country? Could it be environmental, in our water or in the air we breathe? What is this Geo-engineering, or "chem-trails," where jets are spraying to reduce the effects of the sun, leaving behind traces of aluminum in lakes, and found in trees and even human hair samples? Is it our own self-destruction by not exercising, poor eating habits and being sedentary after retirement? We need definitive conclusions so we can move forward and be proactive. Yes, we all have to die, but this is brutal, debilitating, violent and aggressive. It is hideous and inhumane. There is not yet a cure, or a treatment to control the individual's confusion and disorientation.

[redacted] We need to accommodate for these horrific symptoms so that our fathers, mothers, spouses, brothers and sisters that not only suffer from the symptoms of Alzheimer's, but lose their independence and dignity, falling to the ground and injuring themselves, bruises, lacerations and possible broken bones.

Alzheimer's does not discriminate, and is swallowing a generation as we live and breathe, and continue into our own daily tasks, until it attacks one of ours. Life as you know it, will never be the same.

The assisted living home, who stated they had never had to ask anyone to leave because of behavior, and 24/7 care, handed me a sheet of paper with these words:

I reached out to the Alzheimer's Association once again in total fear and desperation, and the director referred me to the third assisted home. She knew the owner personally, and he was impressive when my husband and I met with him. He discussed techniques rather than medication to assist these people who unfortunately lost their faculties, their ability to put one foot in front of the other, to control their movements, and even unable to lift a cup or a utensil up to their lips. He spoke of protective gear such as helmets and gloves to prevent them from hurting themselves or others by falling and grabbing things. Perhaps knee and elbow pads.

We need a different approach. Better training for caregivers, possibly having them attend a Virtual Workshop that the Alzheimer's Association facilitates. Durable medical equipment for someone who can walk, albeit shuffling their way around, and tripping over their own feet, forgetting to lift their hands and arms to catch themselves. In Arizona, restraints are illegal. Perhaps the laws need to be adjusted. If we

[redacted] This is not just a senior's disease, it is a mental disability. As it is, mental illness is not a priority in the healthcare network, and I don't feel I need to explain here...there have been more than enough incidents where innocent people, children have been victims as a result of it.

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let's look at our State's Child Protective Services history....someone keeps dropping the ball

[REDACTED] and the so many millions of others out there. What are we as the most powerful country in the world, if we are unable to properly care for our young and our elders?

I have had this letter on my computer for several months. I know there were elections, ISIS, Ebola, more troops sent out. I also cannot help but see all the attention the media gives to specific crimes like Trayvon Martin's murder and the riots in Ferguson Missouri because Michael Brown was shot by a police officer. Another fatal school shooting, even the coverage on what state is allowing gay marriage. I have nothing against any of these issues and agree they are newsworthy and very meaningful. New laws may be made or old ones revised due to these tragedies. I can't help but wonder if someone like [REDACTED] made headlines....would there be changes made? There are ribbons worn for breast cancer, our troops and aids, again reminders that we do not forget those who are fighting different battles and support them, yet I do not see the purple ribbon worn by celebrities hardly as much. It has occurred to me to just go viral with the photos without exploiting [REDACTED] but my hope is that if even just one of you take heart to my letter and re-examine the devastation that Alzheimer's/Dementia causes not only to the patient, but the family and especially [REDACTED] I can take the next step to change a law, or introduce some new ones.

Please do not discard me, my letter. I implore you to reach deep inside your minds, your hearts and address this disease. In the beginning of this letter, I stated I felt as though [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

Margaret Valenzuela

Margaret Valenzuela

[REDACTED]
C: President and First Lady Obama, Department of Health and Human Services (Sylvia M. Burwell), NIH, NIA, Senator John McCain, Congressman Ron Barber, Governor Jan K. Brewer/Governor Elect Doug Ducey, Alzheimer's Foundation of America, Pima Council On Aging, Arizona Adult Protective Services, Maria Shriver (journalist/activist), Seth and Lauren Rogen, (actors/activists).

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