

Alzheimer's License Plate Bill  
February 2, 2016

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee for holding this hearing and considering an Alzheimer's license plate.

Alzheimer's is far more than a disease that affects someone's brain and eventually leads to their death. It is actually a story of trial and tribulation that consists of a family losing a loved one through a process that can test the inner spirit of everyone affected. It is a story that encompasses so many areas of inner struggle for the family members who must experience a loved one losing their recognition and cognitive skills. It is a story of dedication and learning to cling to the memories of your loved one for as long as you can.

The purpose of this bill is far more than recognizing a devastating disease. It is a way to recognize the caregivers who willingly adjust their lives by dedicating themselves to comfort the helpless, to ease the fears, and to adjust to the growing loss and eventual death of someone they love deeply.

Bill Freeman's memory will live on in the lives that he inspired with his life. I want to thank individuals like his daughter and others who have come today to show honor and respect for the people who helped to forge their character and impact their future.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Peggy Mast". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Speaker Pro Tem  
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