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Good Afternoon,

I am Jennifer Nawelt. I am testifying today asking for your approval of the Alzheimer's License plates here in Kansas.

This came about and is very near & dear to my heart, as my father Coach Bill Freeman passed away on December 18th, 2015 from Alzheimer's Disease. He was 84 years old.

This disease robbed my dad's memory for the past 5 years. He went from a dad, father, husband, friend & grandpa enjoying everyday activities to not remembering where he parked the car, to what time it was, to not remembering where we lived.

For a man who most of his life was a teacher (high school), football & track coach, farmer, banker, environmentalist, this was very hard to not only accept, but to watch.

My dad was a fighter - being the coach he was. He beat prostate cancer many years ago & also had quadruple heart bypass surgery.



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Every 67 seconds, someone develops alzheimer's. That's 1300 people a day. There are over 50,000 Kansans that are suffering from alzheimer's.

This disease has become more common and its time to help find a cure. Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the U.S.

My dad, who is my "HERO" lost his battle with this horrible disease, but he went out a champion!!

Thank you for allowing me to speak to you today about my dad, but also what it would mean to mean a 80 many other Kansans that either have a loved one or are themselves suffering from Alzheimer's Disease.

-Jennifer Naeck

SOUTHERN COFFEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
P.O. BOX 188, LEROY, KANSAS 66857
Jeff True, 9-12 Social Studies,
Head Volleyball, Girls' Basketball, and Track Coach,
SCCHS Honor Flight Coordinator

Dear Sirs,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Bill Freeman family, my family, and the countless other families that have watched a loved one suffer with the debilitating effects of Alzheimer's disease. It is a disease that slowly robs its victim of their memories, awareness, and eventually their life. I am writing this in support of legislation to allow for the creation of a license plate that recognizes and supports the Alzheimer's Foundation and its research and work towards a cure for this terrible disease.

I lost my grandmother to Alzheimer's eight years ago, and since it is a hereditary disease, I fear that I will have to deal with this disease again in my life time. I have had numerous students over the past 26 years of teaching and coaching that have lost loved ones to this disease. I am sure that many of you know of numerous instances where Alzheimer's claimed another victim. Bill was a good friend, fellow arrowhead collecting enthusiast, and mentor of mine. I watched over the past couple of years as Alzheimer's slowly stole Bill from us. Anything that can be done to raise awareness of this disease is money well spent. If we can raise awareness for this disease, hopefully, a cure can someday be found, then families will no longer have to sit and watch loved ones pass in such a slow and cruel way.

I know that a license plate is not a cure, but more awareness of this disease may help to further advance the day when a cure can be found and we won't have to talk about, nor worry about, this terrible disease.

Thank you and God Bless!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff True". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Jeff True

Dear Senators & House of Representatives,

Please accept this letter showing support for the bill allowing Kansans the ability to purchase an Alzheimer's license plate.

Kansas lawmakers have recognized various aspects of our state in our license tags for vehicles. Alzheimer's has had an impact on many families & friends across Kansas. If given the opportunity, Kansans would embrace the choice to support & help bring more awareness to this disease.

Thank you for efforts to promote recognition and research for Alzheimer's Disease.

Sincerely,

Johanna Snowell
Kirst Edwards
Brenda Ludolph
Alto Sulejoh
Rick Pate
Lynna Marts
Cindy Clark
Lisa Hollinsay
Deborah S. Jackson
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Jane Barnett
Elizabeth Ulrich
Jessa Overmire
Brenda Luchetti
Miranda Plumbach
Ether Stetter
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Amber Sutherland
Alisha Stone
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Craig Nickel
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Jennifer Nauert
397 Oxen Rd.
Leroy, Ks. 88867

Dear Jennifer,

Please accept this letter showing support of the option for Kansans to choose a license plate that recognizes Alzheimer's disease.

Kansas has recognized various aspects of our state in our license tags for vehicles. Alzheimer's has had an impact on many families and friends. If given the opportunity, Kansans would embrace the choice to support the battle against this disease.

Thank you for your efforts to promote recognition and research for Alzheimer's.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie Rockers".

Connie Rockers
PO Box 16
Greeley, Kansas 66033

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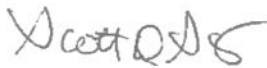
Dear Representatives and Senators,

On behalf of Jennifer Freeman Nauert's desire to honor her father Bill Freeman and other elderly Kansans, we support Kansas license plates that draw attention to Alzheimer's Disease.

Approximately 50,000 Kansas are afflicted with this disease, with that number to double or triple during the next 20-30 years. Absent a cure, homes like ours that specialize in caring for the elderly with cognitive impairment will become more prevalent, costing taxpayers untold millions of dollars.

Please pass legislation to permit Kansans to purchase Alzheimer's license plates.

Sincerely,



Scott D. Schultz, President
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Subject: Alzheimer's Support
From: Joyce Whitehead (jwhitehead1@gmail.com)
To: jennybob01@yahoo.com;
Date: Sunday, January 3, 2016 11:22 PM

Hi Jenny,

I hope this letter is sufficient for your project for the Kansas license plates for Alzheimer's support. Let us know if you need anything further. Love you,

Joyce & Bob

Bob and Joyce Whitehead support the bill for Alzheimer's license plates in Kansas.

Alzheimer's is a disease that is terribly devastating for families. It places deep heartache, physical and financial burdens on family members. Joyce's aunt Irma, was a victim of Alzheimer's. Many of our friends have had parents who have been afflicted with Alzheimer's and have died because of this dreaded disease. Most recently, a very dear family friend passed away as a result of Alzheimer's. Bill Freeman was an influential educator and coach in the state of Kansas. After retirement, he was a solid supporting citizen of his home town of LeRoy and Coffey County.

There have been some advances made with Alzheimer's research, however, we feel that the Alzheimer's license plate would be another way to help keep awareness of and initiate funding to find a cure for this horrible debilitating neurological disease.

Bob and Joyce Whitehead

De Soto, Kansas

Attachments

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To Whom This May Concern,

I encourage you to support and move forward House Bill No.____, legislation that would provide those with Alzheimer's disease the right to have an Alzheimer's ribbon on their license plate. I strongly supports this bill and the focus on awareness of the disease, reducing harm and wandering incidents for those with Alzheimer's disease and their families.

This issue is extremely personal to me and many other voters who care about someone who suffers with this disease. Six in 10 people with Alzheimer's will wander. A person with Alzheimer's may not remember his or her name or address and can become disoriented, even in familiar places. Wandering can be done by driving or on foot. One of the values of having a ribbon on the license plate, would be of help to law enforcement on being able to spot the vehicle right away if there was an alert put out for a missing Alzheimer's individual.

I urge you to support House Bill No._____.

Sincerely,

Breana Jones

To whom it may concern,

Alzheimer's hits so close to home for so many of us. It knows no bounds and strikes persons from every walk of life. From my Kansas Hall of Fame High School Coach at Lawrence High, Bill Freeman, to my great uncle, Wayne Harvey, a Kansas native and former dean of the dental school at the University of Denver, I have seen the challenges faced by those battling this disease. Raising awareness is an important step toward research and development of future treatments. The State of Kansas can take a significant step in raising this awareness by creating Alzheimer's license plates. This action can have far reaching effects in the battle against Alzheimer's disease. I fully support and encourage the state legislature to take action.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas W. Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" being the most prominent.

Thomas W. Williams