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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 black ink that reads "Jeff True". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and last name "True" clearly distinguishable.

Jeff True