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Greetings!

My name is Rev. Aaron Watkins and I am writing this letter to support the efforts in Alzheimer's research through Kansas license plates. Whether they have been relatives or friends all of us, if we have lived long enough have witnessed the horrible debilitating effects of Alzheimer's on loved ones. While we have done a great deal of research we must do more. The purchase of Alzheimer's license plates will help us get a little bit closer to finding a cure.

Jennifer Freeman Naurtec is supporting the work of State Representative Peggy Mast to get a bill passed to help this research. I was blessed to have Jennifer as a schoolmate and most of all I was blessed to be coached by her late father, Bill Freeman in track at Lawrence High School in Lawrence Kansas. Recently Coach Freeman passed away after many years of fighting Alzheimer's. My own grandmother lost her life due to severe dementia many years ago and I saw the effects it had on her in many ways. In that respect I have an idea of the struggle that Jennifer went through having to witness her own father deal with this difficult disease.

Though I am no longer a Kansas resident (I currently reside in Desoto Mo but was born and raised in Lawrence) I am in full support of this legislation to benefit those suffering from Alzheimer's in the state of my birth. I hope and pray this bill will be passed considering those families who are struggling now and those who will struggle in the future watching a loved one fight Alzheimer's. Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

Reverend Aaron M. Watkins

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