

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2107

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Help "Stamp Out" Alzheimer's Disease

Dear Colleague,

Alzheimer's is a horribly debilitating disease which takes a terrible toll on those who suffer from it, and their caretakers and family members. Today, 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's, and with the aging of the baby-boomer generation, it is estimated that 13.2 million will have Alzheimer's by 2050, unless effective prevention strategies and treatments are developed and implemented. The investments in research, particularly over the past decade, are beginning to payoff. Effective treatments and a possible vaccine seem to be within grasp. Now is the time to increase funding to continue the momentum in research.

Semi-postals are special stamps which were authorized by Congress as a tool for the USPS to not only raise funds, but to increase awareness of worthy causes. Alzheimer's disease would benefit tremendously from the funds and awareness that a semi-postal stamp would bring. By supporting an Alzheimer's semi-postal stamp, we can honor love ones lost and prevent future generations from suffering from this horrible disease.

In September, we introduced a resolution, H. Res 466, urging the USPS to issue a semi-postal stamp that would raise millions of dollars for Alzheimer's research. If you would like more information, or to sign onto the resolution, please contact Nicole Encarnacao in Rep. Ed Markey's office at x52836 or Tim Lynagh in Rep. Chris Smith's office at x53765.

Sincerely,


Edward Markey
co-chair


Chris Smith
co-chair

Current co-sponsors: Rep. John Boozman, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Rep. Linda Sanchez