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The Honorable Michael Burgess, MD
229 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Burgess:

The American Academy of Neurology (Academy), an association of more than 22,000 neurologists and neuroscience professionals dedicated to providing the best possible care for patients with neurological disorders would like to express its support for the *MIND Act: Making Investments Now for Dementia Act*, which focuses on unique ways to fund Alzheimer's research.

Neurologists provide care for patients with Alzheimer's disease as well as counsel families on how to manage the progressive nature of this devastating and fatal brain disease that is the most common cause of dementia.

More than five million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, which is projected to afflict 10 million baby boomers. It is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States and attributed to \$172 billion dollars in annual costs.

It is essential that Congress think in innovative ways to encourage research in diseases like Alzheimer's. By offering investors the opportunity to buy United States Alzheimer's Bonds, the MIND Act will provide a unique way to save as well as support Alzheimer's research.

We look forward to working with you to pass the MIND Act and finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease. If there is anything the Academy can do be of service in moving this important issue forward, please contact Mike Amery, Legislative Counsel, at (202) 506-7468.

Sincerely,

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