

Testimony Of Emily G Conner
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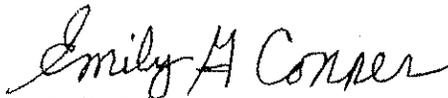
A diagnosis of Alzheimer's reflects a doctor's best judgment about the cause of a person's symptoms based on all the tests that have been performed. Alzheimer's disease is life-changing for both the diagnosed individuals and those close to them. While there is currently no cure, treatments are available that may help relieve some symptoms. Research has shown that taking full advantage of available treatment, care and support options can make life better.

In May of 2009 I had to retire my wonderful job. My husband became more and more confused. He longer drives. Thus my job is to take him out every day as I get some what of relief from constant questions and continue questions when I just answer the same questions.

Being a care-giver is a very high stress. As the caregiver's ability to earn wages and pay taxes etc. The stress level is sometimes overwhelming.

Respite care equates a better quality of life for the Alzheimer's patient Today as we all know economic comparison doesn't even touch on health for the caregiver. My health has suffer a great deal. Two years ago I suffered a heart attack. That is why I need a Respite Care program for my husband. My children live far away and cannot help me in anyway.

As the care giver please consider reasons that I have given in this plea for help. The Alzheimer's Respite Care Program is my only HELP. THANK YOU.



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