

July 7, 2020

Amity C. Kirby
Manager, Stamp Products & Exhibitions
U.S. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300
Washington, DC 20260

RE: Proposed Revisions to 39 CFR Part 551 Governing the Postal Service's Discretionary Semipostal Stamp Program

Dear Ms. Kirby:

On behalf of UsAgainstAlzheimer's, the 5.8 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and to their nearly 16 million caregivers, I write to support the proposed revisions governing the Semipostal Stamp Program. The proposed revisions would remove restrictions on the duration of sales of semipostal discretionary stamps and the number of discretionary semipostal stamps that may be offered at any one time.

I understand that these revisions, if adopted, would allow for the reinstatement of sales of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Semipostal Stamp. As a patient-advocacy organization, the LatinosAgainstAlzheimer's Coalition, convened by UsAgainstAlzheimer's, was pleased to support issuance of the Alzheimer's disease semipostal that was issued in November 2017. According to the U.S. Postal Service, 8.2 million Alzheimer's stamps were sold as of November 2019, raising more than \$1 million to support Alzheimer's disease research at the National Institutes of Health. We fully support the revisions governing the Semipostal Stamp Program that would remove restrictions on the duration of sales of semipostal discretionary stamps and the number of discretionary semipostal stamps that may be offered at any one time.

Alzheimer's research funding is critical to improving the health and well-being of our nation's 55 million Latino families that experience increased risk for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Latinos are one and a half times more likely to develop Alzheimer's disease than non-Hispanic Whites, yet less than 9% of study participants in federally funded dementia research are Latino.

This is a pressing public health issue that deserves increased support at all levels of Alzheimer's research. Increased federal funding for Alzheimer's related research will enable our nation to better understand and address health disparities in Alzheimer's impacting Latinos and other highly impacted communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support. I urge you to adopt and implement the revised provisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Resendez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "R".

Jason Resendez
Executive Director,
LatinosAgainstAlzheimer's Coalition
UsAgainstAlzheimer's