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Dear Dr. Kaye,

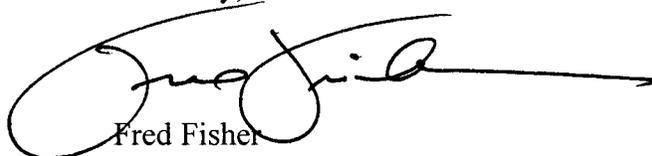
It is with pleasure that The ALS Association, Golden West Chapter offers this letter of support to the Los Angeles and San Francisco metropolitan area ALS Registry Surveillance Projects. The Golden West Chapter provides programs and services to families living with ALS in 31 California counties, including metropolitan Los Angeles and San Francisco. Our mission is to lead the fight to treat and cure ALS through global research and nationwide advocacy while also empowering people with Lou Gehrig's Disease and their families to live fuller lives by providing them with compassionate care and support.

We believe that these projects are important components in the fight to find a treatment and cure for ALS. They will collect vital information about cases of ALS in Los Angeles and San Francisco that not only can help improve the quality of care for people with ALS, but also identify the causes of ALS and ways to treat and, ultimately, cure the disease. Importantly, the projects will support the National ALS Registry administered by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry by helping the Agency to assess the completeness of the registry and ensure that it meets the goals set forth in the ALS Registry Act, enacted into law in 2008 and championed by The ALS Association.

The Golden West Chapter looks forward to working with you to build support for these projects and facilitate the participation of the ALS community in these important initiatives.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your colleagues in the fight against ALS.

Sincerely,



Fred Fisher
President and CEO



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