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FROM: Stanley Isenberg

DATE: FEB. 16, 2025

Lady and Gentlemen:

I am a WWII veteran who reached the age of 100 this past July and I am in great pain over the state of the great nation I was so proud to serve.

Let me share a particular sorrow with you beginning with an experience some 70 years ago.

I was feeding our second son, Robert Andrew, an infant, and handed him a cracker which he kept dropping. It was so painful to see his ongoing inability to simply hold something, further evidence that there was something wrong with this baby.

Soon after, at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, Robert was diagnosed as a victim of Tay Sachs disease, a genetic

condition that would cause his death in a few years of a very troubled life.

During this time, we joined other parents in the formation of NTSAD, National Tay Sachs and Allied Diseases Association, which eventually became an international organization and developed a test to identify carriers of these diseases. However, neither a treatment nor a cure has been found yet.

Now I understand federal funding for such research may be in jeopardy. I hope I am wrong but you who are on the firing line of such vital funding can, I am sure, find out.

Please make this inquiry promptly and use the power of your office to insure that ample monies will continue to be made available for such research. That way, we all can be certain that one day future parents will not have to face the agony of birthing a doomed baby.

Your response will be much appreciated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stanley Isenberg".

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