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April 30, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Maryland Senate
The State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear President Miller:

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With an influx of new members the Council will be prepared to assist in applying for potential federal grants from the funding of the Lifespan Respite Care Act (P.L. 109-422) in Fiscal Year 2009 and potentially in 2010. The Council's work during the past six years has established the necessary partnerships and coordination to be ready for all potential funding opportunities to support family caregivers in Maryland.

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Sincerely,

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