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Mr. Robert D. Blais  
President  
The Blazeman Foundation for ALS  
20 Commerce Way, Unit 12  
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Dear Mr. Blais:

Thank you for the payment from the Blazeman Foundation for ALS in support of the Blazeman Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. I am very grateful for the foundation's partnership with Dr. Teepu Siddique.

With the aid of your support, Feinberg investigators continue their work to advance medical science. Over the years, Feinberg has achieved distinction as a center for basic, clinical, and bench-to-bedside research. The goal of these endeavors is to improve the quality of both patient care and human life — throughout the country and worldwide.

As you may know, Eric G. Neilson, MD has been appointed dean of Feinberg, effective September 1. He is the Thomas Fearn Frist Senior Professor of Medicine at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, where he has also served as chair of the Department of Medicine. We welcome Dr. Neilson as he assumes leadership of one of the world's great academic medical centers.

Again, I send my sincere thanks to you and your colleagues at the Blazeman Foundation for ALS.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob McQuinn".

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