



January 14, 2010

Mr. Robert D. Blais  
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Dear Mr. Blais:

It is with great pleasure that I offer my gratitude for the Blazeman Foundation for ALS's recent pledge and first payment in support of Dr. Teepu Siddique's two-year project, "A New Approach to Therapy in ALS." I appreciate your continuation of the Blazeman Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship through 2012, and this funding of Dr. Siddique's project will provide excellent resources for his continuing work in ALS. Just this past winter, Dr. Siddique's discovery of aFUS/TLS gene mutations in ALS families has shown new molecular defects that cause damage to motor neurons. We are hopeful that in this new endeavor, Dr. Siddique and his team will develop therapies to postpone the disease's onset and slow its progression.

Again, I thank you for the Foundation's generous commitment to this research, and I offer my best wishes to you in this new year.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Schapiro".

Morton Schapiro  
President and Professor

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