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Blazeman Foundation for ALS
20 Commerce Way, Unit 12 PMB 283
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Dear Team Blazeman,

I would like to thank you for your generous gift and support for our Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) research entitled "Muscle Fiber Type Switch as a Potential Therapeutic Target for ALS." The study will examine the use of the FDA-approved drug AICAR in inducing muscle-fiber type switch in the mouse model of ALS and positive results could provide the first step toward a clinical trial of AICAR for treating ALS symptoms. Your commitment to funding scientific research in the field of ALS at our university is sincerely appreciated.

Researchers like we, working on ALS and other neurodegenerative diseases often lack the funding needed to explore new ideas and obtain preliminary data. Together with the Blazeman Foundation, we can begin a foundation for advancements in understanding the disease and the development of effective therapeutics.

On a personal note, I would like to tell you that the postdoctoral research fellow who is at the forefront of this project, Ramon Jimenez-Moreno, Ph.D. is also tri-athlete. He developed this research project. His role as athlete and researcher provides him with an insight and dedication to ALS research that is unique and most admirable.

Thank you again for your generous support of our efforts

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Milligan".

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