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Robert D. Blais, President
Blazeman Foundation for ALS
PMB 121
18 Maple Avenue
Barrington, Rhode island 02806

Dear Bob,

I am writing to let you know about our efforts to advance ALS research through the University of Maryland Brain and Tissue Bank. The kind and generous support that you, Mary Ann and the Blazeman Foundation for ALS provide to the Bank is a critical resource for bolstering our infrastructure and engaging in outreach not otherwise possible.

Most recently, with your support, we were able to attend the annual Neuroscience meeting in Washington, D.C., one of the largest scientific meetings held in the U.S. each year with over 30,000 in attendance. We attended as a vendor to promote distribution of tissue from the Bank for scientific research. This year we redesigned our presentation to feature ALS more prominently. We believe our efforts have been successful as we have shipped more samples from ALS tissue donors within the first five months of our current fiscal year than in the previous two fiscal years combined. We are on pace to distribute more ALS tissue than any year in recent memory. I am grateful for your continued support and happy to be working with the ALS community.

Sincerely,



Thomas Blanchard, Ph.D., J.D.
Director, University of Maryland Brain and Tissue Bank

