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**Washington, DC 20515-0916**

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Terri Hartney, Program Manager  
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Dear Terri,

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16<sup>th</sup> District, I thank you and your team for the services you provide to those with memory issues and their caregivers. I also congratulate you on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of Vitality Respite Center of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church.

Last April I was humbled to be recognized by the Alzheimer's Association in receiving the 2024 Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM) Humanitarian Award for significant contributions to the Alzheimer's and dementia community. A colleague and I introduced the bipartisan bill Mandating Exclusive Review of Individual Treatments (MERIT) Act in 2023 to ensure coverage of potentially life-saving drugs and new treatments for Medicare beneficiaries, ensuring access to FDA-approved Alzheimer's treatments and support of historic federal research funding.

I appreciate this opportunity to help commemorate your first year of providing comfortable, safe, and enjoyable care for Hillsborough residents.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance with any federal matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vern Buchanan".

Vern Buchanan  
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