

Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

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Ms. Ilyce Randell
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Dear Ilyce:

I am writing to commend you on your brave struggle to bring national attention to Canavan Disease. Your commitment to generating support for research regarding this devastating disease is helping your son Max and hundreds of other children improve their quality of life. Breakthroughs in genetic therapy for Canavan Disease could also lead to more effective treatments for other neurodegenerative diseases.

It is my sincere hope that the screening of the documentary *As Daylight Breaks* will help continue the good work you, and your organization, have begun.

Once again please accept my sincere support for your work. The courage shown by your son Max and you is an example for all of us.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Durbin
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