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President Barack Obama  
White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, DC 20500

(Date)

Dear President Obama,

I am writing to support the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation for the year 2014 Apraxia Awareness Day, which will be held on May 14, 2014.  On this day, we will raise national awareness about Childhood Apraxia of Speech, a particularly difficult, persistent, and severe speech disorder in youngsters.  It would help our cause a great deal to receive such an official validation from your esteemed office since yours is the most highly respected position in America, if not the world.

Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have extreme difficulty planning and producing the precise, highly refined and specific series of movements of the tongue, lips, jaw, and palate that are necessary for the production of proper speech.  It is among the most severe of speech and communication problems in children.  Every child should be afforded their best opportunity to develop speech. With early intervention and appropriate therapy, most children with CAS will learn to communicate with their very own voices.  These children, as well as their families, deserve our highest respect for their effort, determination and resilience in the face of such obstacles.  If you would choose to issue a Presidential Proclamation in recognition of Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, it would be a strong testament to the public with regards to your Administration's support of children and education.

Through a White House proclamation, states, health insurance providers, and schools can be encouraged to recognize the critical need to provide for adequate speech therapy and other services so that the impact of this disorder can be minimized and that affected children can grow into productive and contributing citizens.

Thank you in advance for any time and consideration you may be able to give our humble request.

Respectfully yours,

(your signature and name)