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Elder Justice Coalition Urges President Obama to Issue a Proclamation in Honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Earlier today, the Elder Justice Coalition sent a letter to President Obama asking him to issue a proclamation and hold a signing ceremony for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is held every year on June 15th.

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Elder Justice Coalition, I write to ask you to issue a proclamation and hold a signing ceremony in honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on June 15, 2011. On this day, across the country and across the world, communities plan activities and programs to raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

As you well know, the number of older Americans is growing fast. Far outpacing the growth of older population is the incidence of abuse, neglect and exploitation to older adults. This problem has long been invisible to most of society and, and as a significant and complex form of family violence, is among the gravest issues facing millions of older Americans and their families.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) puts a spotlight on this issue. WEAAD provides an opportunity to communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic conditions influencing elder abuse and neglect.

The Elder Justice Coalition, with more than 700 members playing a role in and a long time supporter of WEAAD, is the national advocacy voice representing the many disciplines involved in the fight against elder abuse. This includes adult protective services, ombudsmen, health care professionals, elder law and law enforcement, researchers, national, state and local advocacy groups and key players in the aging network.

In an effort to educate the public and raise awareness, the EJC hopes you will

support WEAAD and promote elder justice: the right of every older person to be free of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Ultimately, your proclamation of June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and corresponding signing ceremony will serve as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations and communities to raise awareness about elder justice.

We thank you for your tireless support of older adults and particularly your support of the Elder Justice Act as part of the Affordable Care Act and its inclusion in your fiscal year 2012 budget proposal. Thank you for your assistance in making this initiative a success, as well. If you or your staff has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Blancato". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Robert Blancato

We urge all EJC members to send letters and express support for the issuing of a Presidential proclamation and a corresponding signing ceremony on June 15, 2011, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

To send a message to President Obama, [CLICK HERE](#).