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Dear Dr. Byrd:

On behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. (CBCF) and the co-chairs of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Conference (ALC), I invite you to present during our health and wellness luncheon on September 23, 2009. The ALC will be held on September 23–26 in our nation's capital at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, and the theme for this year's conference is ***Reinvest...Rebuild...Renew.***

As you know, Alzheimer's disease has been identified as an emerging public health crisis among African Americans, given their disproportionate rates of high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes—all risk factors for Alzheimer's and other age-related brain disorders. Yet many black Americans are not only unaware of this risk but also lack a clear understanding of the disease itself. During this luncheon, we would like attendees to learn about risk factors and warning signs for Alzheimer's and related dementias; treatment and care options; strategies for healthy aging; and effective policy solutions to address this growing health challenge.

Given your medical and research expertise, we would be honored to have you take part in this important discussion and in this year's conference. To respond to our invitation or for more information, please contact Dr. Marjorie Innocent, Senior Director of Research and Programs, at [minnocent@cbcfinc.org](mailto:minnocent@cbcfinc.org) or (202) 263-2805. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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