March 20, 2017

Mr. John C. Cook
Fairfax County Supervisor
9002 Burke Lake Road
Burke, VA 22015

Dear Mr. Cook,

Upon hearing that Insight Memory Care Center's funding from Fairfax County could be cut by $150,000 I wanted to reach out and let you know how vital their programs and services are to our community and what the impact of this cut would have on the organization.

Insight is serving a vulnerable population suffering from a degenerative, fatal disease and relies on Fairfax County and private funding to subsidize all of the participants who attend the adult day center. Insight is the only dementia specific adult day health and resource center in Northern Virginia and has been serving our community for over 33 years.

This cut would cause Insight to increase participant fees in excess of typical year over year increases. This increase will make the affordable program less affordable to low income families. Insight anticipates that more families will be applying for the Financial Assistance Fund, this increased demand will result in less families getting approved.

If this proposed reduction is approved, Insight is looking at alternative ways to meet the needs of this population, while still providing the high quality level of service Insight has become renowned for. This would result in dramatically higher fees, and more importantly the inability to serve low income individuals who desperately need the services, and help.

All of this impacts the Fairfax County aging population, and as reported recently by the Northern Virginia Community Foundation, the need is only growing. With this proposed reduction, Insight will ultimately be forced to serve fewer people.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen