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Statement on Diagnosis of Senator Johnny Isakson

I have been seeing Senator Isakson as a patient since November 2012. He first came to see me with a symptom of rigidity in his left arm. After several additional visits, I diagnosed him as having Parkinson's disease in August of 2013.

My most recent assessment of Senator Isakson was on May 27, 2015. Using physical examination and several accepted Parkinson's disease rating scales, I have concluded that Senator Isakson is in Stage 1.5 of 5 accepted stages of Parkinson's disease. This staging is indicative of his mild symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Senator Isakson has been treated with medication since August 2013 to assist his body's naturally occurring dopamine and to limit symptoms of Parkinson's disease. In addition, I have Senator Isakson doing daily exercises every morning and evening, and I had him undergo a rigorous physical therapy regimen tailored to treat symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

Senator Isakson has been dedicated to performing the physical therapy and maintaining the daily exercise routine, and he has been compliant with his medication treatment. He has continued to maintain his rigorous Senate schedule without difficulty since 2012. I believe he is fully capable of continuing to perform his duties as a U.S. Senator, and I believe he is fully capable of running for re-election and serving for another term.

As a practicing neurologist, I have treated many patients with various chronic neurological diseases, and I encourage all them to pursue their livelihoods with vigor and enthusiasm. With this in mind, I have encouraged Senator Isakson to do the same.

If there are any questions that I can answer, as Senator Isakson's treating neurologist, please feel free to contact me by phone at (678)-872-0200. Messages left at this number will be reviewed and answered in a timely manner by myself or my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. Holmes", written in a cursive style.

Thomas M. Holmes, MD