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Invite You to a Special Congressional Lunch Briefing:

The Rising Threat of Alzheimer's Disease & the Most Promising Research Efforts to Stop It

Hosted by the Bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

When: Thursday, June 12, 2014

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: SVC 201

Earlier this year, a team of researchers at Rush University in Chicago published a groundbreaking study estimating that more than 500,000 deaths of Americans age 75 or older were attributable to Alzheimer's disease each year. This is 6 times the number of annual deaths historically attributed to the disease and would make Alzheimer's the nation's third leading cause of death. The findings come a year after other research found direct costs of Alzheimer's to be higher than those of cancer and heart disease. If the current trajectory remains, the more than 5 million Americans battling Alzheimer's today could more than triple by 2050, and today's more than \$200 billion price tag will exceed \$1.2 trillion annually.

Congress has recognized the magnitude of the threat, enacting the National Alzheimer's Project Act which set as goal 1 preventing and effectively treating Alzheimer's by 2025. Congress has also dedicated increased resources to support Alzheimer's disease research at the National Institutes of Health, and several cutting-edge trials are beginning. The briefing will review the most recent mortality report, explaining why it differs from longstanding annual reports. It will also feature an overview of some of the most exciting research programs and an assessment of our ability to achieve the 2025 goal. Featured speakers include:

- Dr. **David Bennett**, Director of the **Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center**, principal author of the mortality report and member, **ResearchersAgainstAlzheimer's**
- **George Vradenburg**, Chairman, **USAgainstAlzheimer's**
- **Tim Armour**, CEO, **Cure Alzheimer's Fund**
- **Stacy Pagos Haller**, CEO, **BrightFocus Foundation**
- **Ian Kremer**, Executive Director, **Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease**

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