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**Statement from Ian Kremer about the introduction of the
Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act**

“The LEAD Coalition is encouraged by the introduction of the bi-partisan Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act. This legislation is aligned with our efforts to prioritize the timely, accurate, compassionate and actionable detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and would further support the [CDC's Healthy Brain Initiative](#). We have long advocated for a transformative national strategy to improve detection and diagnosis, including through public health work such as the CDC Health Brain Initiative, along with action by other public and private sector institutions, This legislation is an important step in the right direction and should receive speedy attention by Congress.”

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[Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease](#) (the LEAD Coalition) is a diverse national coalition of member organizations including patient advocacy and voluntary health non-profits, philanthropies and foundations, trade and professional associations, academic research and clinical institutions, and home and residential care providers, and biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies. The LEAD Coalition works collaboratively to focus the nation's strategic attention on dementia in all its forms -- including Alzheimer's disease, vascular disease, Lewy body dementia, and frontotemporal degeneration -- and to accelerate transformational progress in detection and diagnosis, care and support, and research leading to prevention, effective treatment and eventual cure.

Ian Kremer, JD, is Executive Director of the LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease), unifying more than 90 local, state, national, and multinational organizations committed to stopping Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, including vascular and Lewy body dementia and frontotemporal degeneration. The coalition works collaboratively to focus the nation's strategic attention on accelerating transformational progress in quality of life for persons with dementia and their caregivers; detection and diagnosis; and research leading to prevention, effective treatment, and eventual cures. He serves on the workgroup developing the CDC's 2018-2022 Healthy Brain Roadmap.