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Dear Senator,

We appreciate your continued engagement in addressing Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, which remain among the most pressing public health challenges facing our nation. Congressional leadership has been instrumental in elevating dementia as a bipartisan priority and advancing policies that are beginning to improve outcomes for individuals, families, and the broader health care system.

On behalf of millions of Americans living with or at risk for dementia, as well as their families, we respectfully urge your support for the bipartisan Alzheimer's Screening and Prevention (ASAP) Act ([H.R. 6130](#) / [S.3267](#)). This legislation would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to allow Medicare coverage for blood-based dementia screening tests, creating a clear and predictable clinical pathway for access to emerging detection tools.

The need for action is urgent. More than 7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's dementia, a number that continues to rise. In 2025 alone, health and long-term care costs associated with Alzheimer's and other dementias were projected to total \$384 billion, excluding the enormous contribution of unpaid caregivers (an estimated economic value of \$413.5 billion in 2024). Medicare and Medicaid are expected to shoulder nearly two-thirds of these costs, while families are projected to pay \$97 billion out of pocket. By 2050, total dementia-related health care and long-term care costs are expected to approach \$1 trillion, placing unsustainable pressure on families, employers, and public programs alike.

The American public strongly supports earlier detection and screening of dementia. Nearly four in five Americans report they would want to know if they had Alzheimer's disease before symptoms become disruptive, and more than nine in ten favor access to a simple medical test that enables earlier diagnosis, care planning, and treatment decisions.

Scientific advances are rapidly transforming the landscape of detection and care for Alzheimer's and related forms of dementia. Changes in the brain associated with Alzheimer's disease – which can begin developing 20 years before the onset of clinical symptoms – are detectable via blood tests. Especially with the availability of disease-modifying therapies and rigorous scientific evidence supporting non-pharmacological risk reduction interventions, it is essential to ensure individuals receive early and accurate diagnoses. The ASAP Act would help ensure that Medicare beneficiaries can access FDA-approved or cleared blood biomarker screening tests

without unnecessary delays, while fully preserving CMS's existing evidence-based coverage determination processes.

Without the clear coverage pathway enabled by the ASAP Act, it could take many years for Medicare to cover new dementia screening tools, even after FDA approval. The ASAP Act addresses this gap, helping to align scientific innovation with access and allowing individuals and their families to benefit sooner from advances in early detection and care.

For these reasons, the LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease), the Alzheimer's Association, and Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM) strongly support the ASAP Act and urge you to become a cosponsor. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to addressing Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia and look forward to continued collaboration to promote risk reduction, strengthen early detection, improve access to care, and enhance quality of life for individuals and families affected by dementia.

To learn more about the ASAP Act or to become a co-sponsor, please contact the offices of Senator Collins, Senator Cortez Masto, Congressman Buchanan, or Congressman Tonko.

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AC Immune	Alliance for Patient Access
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ACCSES – The Voice of Disability Service Providers	Alzheimer's Disease Care, Research and Education Program (AD-CARE) at the University of Rochester School of Medicine
Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed)	Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc. (ADRC)
AgeneBio	Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation
Aging Life Care Association®	Alzheimer's Foundation of America
AgingIN	Alzheimer's Los Angeles
Akari Foundation	

Alzheimer's New Jersey	Boston Biotech Forum
Alzheimer's Orange County	Brain Injury Association of America
Alzheimer's San Diego	Brain Injury Association of Nebraska
Alzheon	Bridge Builder Strategies
AME Church-Alzheimers Partnership Committee	Brigade Health
American Academy of Neurology	BrightFocus Foundation
	Brookdale Senior Living Inc.
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry	Campaign to Prevent Alzheimer's Disease (PAD 20/20)
American Association for Men in Nursing	Caregiver Action Network
American Brain Coalition	CaringKind, The Heart of Alzheimer's Caregiving
American Medical Women's Association	Center for BrainHealth at The University of Texas at Dallas
American Neurological Association	Center for Healthy Aging
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)	Center to Advance Palliative Care
American Society on Aging	Chambers-Grundy Center for Transformative Neuroscience, Department of Brain Health, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Argentum Expanding Senior Living	Chronic Disease Coalition
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum	Coalition of Wisconsin Aging and Health Groups
Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS)	Cognitive Dynamics Foundation
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network — AWN	Cognito Therapeutics
B'nai B'rith International	Cognivue
Banner Alzheimer's Institute	Combined Health Agencies Drive - Nebraska
Banner Sun Health Research Institute	Council on Radionuclides and Radiopharmaceuticals, Inc.
Barth Syndrome Foundation	Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Foundation
Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging	Cure Alzheimer's Fund
Biogen	Cure MAPT FTD
Biomarker Collaborative	
Bone Health and Osteoporosis Foundation	

CureGRN	Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.
CurePSP	Healthcare Leadership Council
Danaher Diagnostics (Beckman Coulter, Cepheid, HemoCue, LeicaBiosystems, Mammotome & Radiometer)	HealthyWomen
Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative	HFC (formerly Hilarity for Charity)
Dementia Alliance International	Honor (previously Home Instead Senior Care)
Dementia Alliance of North Carolina	Huffington Center on Aging, Baylor College of Medicine
Diverse Elders Coalition	Huntington's Disease Society of America
Easterseals Iowa	Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association
Eisai, Inc.	ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy Network
Eli Lilly and Company	Infusion Access Foundation (IAF)
Emory Goizueta Alzheimer's Disease Research Center	International Association for Indigenous Aging (IA2)
Exon 20 Group	Iona Senior Services
Family Caregiver Alliance	iScreen 2 Prevent LLC (DBA Multinostics)
FTD Disorders Registry, LLC	Justice In Aging
Fujirebio Diagnostics, Inc.	Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated
GE HealthCare	Latino Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders Alliance
Genentech, Inc.	Lewy Body Dementia Association
Genetic Alliance	Lewy Body Dementia Resource Center
Georgetown University Medical Center Memory Disorders Program	Linus Health, Inc.
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA)	Long Term Care Community Coalition
Gerontological Society of America	Lorenzo's House
Global Alzheimer's Platform Foundation	Lundbeck Pharmaceuticals LLC
Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer's Disease	Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Global Coalition on Aging	Medicare Rights Center
Global Healthy Living Foundation	Memory and Alzheimer's Treatment Center, Johns Hopkins Medicine
	Memory Care Home Solutions

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MET Crusaders	National Respite Coalition
Michigan State University Alzheimer's Alliance	National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices
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Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging	Neurogen Biomarking
MLD Foundation	Neurotech Network
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National Alliance for Caregiving	Organic Acidemia Association
National Association of Activity Professionals	Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc.
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)	Owl Therapeutics
National Black Nurses Association	Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease
National Certification Council for Activity Professionals	Pat Summitt Foundation
National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care	Patients Rising Now
National Consumers League	PD-L1 Amplifieds
National Council for Mental Wellbeing	Pentara Corporation
National Down Syndrome Society	Positriago AG
National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence	Prevent Blindness Wisconsin
National Health Council	PrognosUs
National Hispanic Council On Aging (NHCOA)	PXE International
National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA)	Roche Diagnostics Corporation
National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA)	Sanofi
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National Menopause Foundation	Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated
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	Society of Behavioral Medicine

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