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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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| 5p- Society                                        | Alliance for Aging Research                                                                                          |
| AC Immune                                          | Alliance for Patient Access                                                                                          |
| Acadia Pharmaceuticals Inc.                        | Alter Dementia, LLC                                                                                                  |
| 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                                   |                                                                                                                      |

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| Alzheimer's New Jersey                                    | Brain Injury Association of America                                                                                |
| Alzheimer's Orange County                                 | Brain Injury Association of Nebraska                                                                               |
| Alzheimer's San Diego                                     | Bridge Builder Strategies                                                                                          |
| Alzheon                                                   | Brigade Health                                                                                                     |
| AME Church-Alzheimers Partnership Committee               | BrightFocus Foundation                                                                                             |
| American Academy of Neurology                             | 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                                   | CureGRN                                                                                                            |
| Bone Health and Osteoporosis Foundation                   |                                                                                                                    |
| Boston Biotech Forum                                      |                                                                                                                    |

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| 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                                                                 | MEI Micro, Inc.                                                 |
| Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.                                      | Memory and Alzheimer's Treatment Center, Johns Hopkins Medicine |
|                                                                                                  | Memory Care Home Solutions                                      |

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| Merck                                                         | National Minority Quality Forum                                         |
| MET Crusaders                                                 | National Respite Coalition                                              |
| Michigan State University Alzheimer's Alliance                | National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices |
| Milken Institute Alliance to Improve Dementia Care            | NCBA, Inc.                                                              |
| Mindr                                                         | Nebraska AIDS Project                                                   |
| Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging               | Neurogen Biomarking                                                     |
| MLD Foundation                                                | Neurotech Network                                                       |
| Mount Sinai Center for Cognitive Health                       | Nevada Chronic Care Collaborative                                       |
| National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA)        | Noah Homes                                                              |
| 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                                                                  |
| National Kidney Foundation of Wisconsin                       | Second Wind Dreams, Inc./ Virtual Dementia Tour                         |
| National Menopause Foundation                                 | Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated                                  |
|                                                               | Society for Women's Health Research                                     |
|                                                               | Society of Behavioral Medicine                                          |

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| Synthesis Brain Health                                                                                                | The Richman Family Precision Medicine<br>Center of Excellence in Alzheimer's Disease,<br>Johns Hopkins Medicine |
| TauRx Pharmaceuticals Ltd.                                                                                            |                                                                                                                 |
| The Association for Frontotemporal<br>Degeneration                                                                    | The University of Chicago Healthy Aging &<br>Alzheimer's Research Care (HAARC) Center                           |
| The Balm In Gilead, Inc.                                                                                              | Tokyo Metropolitan Institute for Geriatrics and<br>Gerontology                                                  |
| The Brain Donor Project                                                                                               | Toronto Memory Program                                                                                          |
| The Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing,<br>NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing                                   | Trellis/ACT on Alzheimer's                                                                                      |
| The Memory Impairment and<br>Neurodegenerative Dementia (MIND)<br>Center, University of Mississippi Medical<br>Center | UCI Center for Aging Research for Down<br>Syndrome                                                              |
| The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's<br>Research                                                             | University of Minnesota Center for Healthy<br>Aging and Innovation (CHAI)                                       |
| The Ohio Council for Cognitive Health                                                                                 | UsAgainstAlzheimer's                                                                                            |
| The Open and Affirming Coalition of the United<br>Church of Christ                                                    | Veravas                                                                                                         |
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