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Dear Senator/Representative:

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 2026 alone, health and long-term care costs associated with Alzheimer's and other dementias are projected to total \$409 billion, excluding the enormous contribution of unpaid caregivers (an estimated economic value of \$446 billion in 2025). Medicare and Medicaid are expected to shoulder nearly two-thirds of these costs, while families are projected to pay \$103 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. The ASAP Act is popular among Members of Congress as well, with over 170 bipartisan cosponsors in the House and over 45 bipartisan cosponsors in the Senate. Both Congress and constituents recognize the importance of passing this important legislation, and we urge you to support the ASAP Act and move this bill forward.

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 and imaging 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, the Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM), and all the signatories listed below, 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.

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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
AdvaMed, the Medtech Association	Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc. (ADRC)
AgeneBio	Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation
Aging and Memory Disorder Programs, Howard University	Alzheimer's Foundation of America
Aging Life Care Association®	Alzheimer's Los Angeles
AgingIN	Alzheimer's New Jersey

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

Combined Health Agencies Drive - Nebraska	Genentech, Inc.
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Council on Radionuclides and Radiopharmaceuticals, Inc.	Georgetown University Medical Center Memory Disorders Program
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) Foundation	Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA)
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Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative	H.E.A.L.S. of the South
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Dementia Alliance of North Carolina	Healthcare Leadership Council
Diverse Elders Coalition	HealthMatters Program
Easterseals	Healthy Aging Coalition
Easterseals Iowa	HealthyWomen
Eden Alternative	HFC (formerly Hilarity for Charity)
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Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy Network
Focused Ultrasound Foundation	Infusion Access Foundation (IAF)
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Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
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Memory and Alzheimer's Treatment Center, Johns Hopkins Medicine
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Mount Sinai Center for Cognitive Health
National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA)
National Alliance for Caregiving
National Association of Activity Professionals
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
National Black Nurses Association
National Certification Council for Activity Professionals
National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
National Consumers League
National Council for Mental Wellbeing
National Down Syndrome Society
National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence
National Health Council
National Hispanic Council On Aging (NHCOA)
National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA)
National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA)
National Kidney Foundation of Wisconsin
National Menopause Foundation
National Minority Quality Forum
National Respite Coalition
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The Brain Donor Project
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The Memory Impairment and Neurodegenerative Dementia (MIND) Center, University of Mississippi Medical Center
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The Ohio Council for Cognitive Health
The Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ
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