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The Honorable Roger Wicker
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The Honorable Bob Menendez
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The Honorable Linda Sanchez
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The Honorable Peter Roskam
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Dear Senators Capito, Stabenow, Wicker and Menendez and Representatives Sanchez and Roskam:

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM) and the Alzheimer's Association, including our nationwide network of advocates, thank you for your leadership on issues important to Americans with Alzheimer's, and their caregivers. We write in support of your effort to provide better care and improve outcomes for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and their caregivers through the Concentrating on High-Value Alzheimer's Needs to Get to an End (CHANGE) Act of 2018.

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's and, without significant action, as many as 16 million Americans will have Alzheimer's disease by 2050. Today, another person develops the disease every 66 seconds; by 2050, someone in the United States will develop the disease every 33 seconds. This explosive growth will cause Alzheimer's costs to increase from an estimated \$259 billion in 2017 to \$1.1 trillion in 2050 (in 2017 dollars) and threatens to bankrupt families, businesses, and our health care system. Unfortunately, our work is only growing more urgent.

This legislation aims to address important issues that have long been a focus of the Alzheimer's Association. Most notably, the CHANGE Act is designed to strengthen cognitive impairment detection at Medicare Annual Wellness Visits, and would test care delivery models created to increase access to care and support programs for individuals living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Similarly the Association applauds the goal of the CHANGE Act to enable states to better support family caregivers.

AIM and the Alzheimer's Association appreciate your leadership on these important issues. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Conant, Senior Director of Federal Affairs, at rconant@alz.org or at 202.638.7121.

Sincerely,

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