



Senator Susan Collins
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

Senator Amy Klobuchar
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Dear Senator Collins and Senator Klobuchar:

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association and the Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM), including our nationwide networks of advocates, thank you for your continued leadership on issues and legislation important to Americans with Alzheimer's and other dementias, and to their caregivers. The Alzheimer's Association and AIM proudly support S. Res. 49, which declares that achieving the primary goal of the *National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease* is an urgent national priority.

As two of our nation's strongest voices on behalf of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease, you know that more than 5 million Americans are living with the disease and, without significant action, as many as 16 million Americans will have Alzheimer's by 2050. Additionally, as the baby boomer generation ages, one in eight will develop Alzheimer's. This explosive growth will cause Alzheimer's costs to Medicare and Medicaid to increase from \$160 billion in 2016 to \$735 billion in 2050 (in 2016 dollars) and threatens to bankrupt families, businesses and our health care system. Unfortunately, our work is only growing more urgent.

The passage of the National Alzheimer's Project Act during the 111th Congress and the subsequent release of the *National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease* marked a new era for policy efforts on Alzheimer's and other dementias. Achieving the first goal of the National Plan, to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025, and supporting individuals with the disease and their caregivers are critical to the success of this legislation. By working together, we are propelling the U.S. government to rise to the challenge to address the Alzheimer's crisis.

The Alzheimer's Association and AIM deeply appreciate your continued leadership on behalf of all American's living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. We look forward to working with you to advance this resolution and to secure needed resources for Alzheimer's research for Fiscal Year 2017 and Fiscal Year 2018. If you have any questions about this or any other legislation, please contact Rachel Conant, Director of Federal Affairs, at rconant@alz-aim.org or at 202.638.7121.

Sincerely,

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