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Dear Senators Cardin, Crapo, and King:

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association and the Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM), including our nationwide network of advocates, thank you for your continued leadership on issues important to Americans with Alzheimer's and other dementias, and their caregivers. The Alzheimer's Association and AIM are pleased to support the Preventive Health Savings Act of 2019 and its goal to provide better understanding of the cost-savings and health benefits of preventive measures, and incentivize Congress to invest in meaningful legislation based on proven methods.

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and without significant action, as many as 14 million Americans will have Alzheimer's by 2050. It is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and the only one in the top ten causes of death for which there is no disease-modifying treatment. The explosive growth will cause Alzheimer's costs to increase from an estimated \$290 billion in 2017 to more than \$1.1 trillion in 2050 (in 2019 dollars). These mounting costs threaten to bankrupt families, businesses and our health care system. Unfortunately, our work is only growing more urgent.

The Preventive Health Savings Act would amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Act of 1974 to require the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to determine if proposed legislation would reduce federal spending. This legislation would help to lower predicted deficit levels and secure America's economic future, ensuring that our health policies are forward thinking and evidence based.

The Alzheimer's Association and AIM deeply appreciate your continued leadership on behalf of all Americans living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues to improve care and support for individuals and families impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. If you have any questions about this or any other legislation, please contact Rachel Conant, Senior Director of Federal Affairs, at [rconant@alz-aim.org](mailto:rconant@alz-aim.org) or at 202.638.7121.

Sincerely,

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