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Washington D.C. 20510

Senator Kyrsten Sinema
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Dear Senator Gardner and Senator Sinema:

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 and legislation important to Americans with Alzheimer's and other dementias, and their caregivers. AIM and the Alzheimer's Association are proud to support the bipartisan Homecare for Seniors Act, S. 3261.

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's and, without significant action, nearly 14 million Americans will have Alzheimer's by 2050. Today, another person develops the disease every 65 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 \$290 billion in 2019 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 Homecare for Seniors Act would allow tax-exempt distributions from health savings accounts to be used for qualified home care which includes important services provided at the residence of the recipient. Qualified home care would include activities of daily living such as assistance with eating, toileting, bathing, dressing, medication adherence and others. People living with dementia have a particularly high need for informal and formal support and are at a higher risk to leave their homes and move into facilities. The majority of older adults living with dementia would prefer to age in place in their own homes. The Homecare for Seniors Act would allow more people living with dementia to stay at home for longer.

Again, we deeply appreciate your continued leadership on behalf of all Americans living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to improve care and support for individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. If you have any questions about this or any other legislation, please contact Rachel Conant, Vice President of Federal Affairs, at rconant@alz-aim.org or at 202.638.7121.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Egge'.

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