



CONGRESSIONAL TASK FORCE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1999, the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease ("Alzheimer's Task Force") was established to advance research, meet the needs of people with the disease, and raise public awareness of Alzheimer's disease by bringing the disease to the forefront of the congressional agenda.

WHO IS ON THE ALZHEIMER'S TASK FORCE?

The Alzheimer's Task Force is led by 6 co-chairs: Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA-43) and Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ-4) in the House and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA), and Senator Ed Markey (D-MA). In the 116th Congress, there were more than 180 members from both parties and both chambers on the Alzheimer's Task Force.

WHAT DOES THE ALZHEIMER'S TASK FORCE DO?

The Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease, with the support of the Alzheimer's Association, worked to unanimously pass the National Alzheimer's Project Act (P.L. 111-375). The Task Force has also been instrumental in helping the more than 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and their families by securing funding for research at the National Institutes of Health and raising awareness of the disease through congressional briefings and other events.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

During the course of your meetings with members of Congress and their staff, you may encounter some common questions. We have addressed some of these questions below.

Q. If my Member of Congress was an Alzheimer's Task Force member in the 116th Congress, do I have to ask them to join again?

» Yes. At the start of a new Congress, each Task Force or Caucus must be re-registered and all Task Force or Caucus members must be re-added.

Q. Where can I find more information about the Alzheimer's Task Force and the members?

» You can find out more information on our website: alz.org/congressionaltaskforce

Q. Is there a cost associated with the Alzheimer's Task Force?

» No, there is no cost associated with the Alzheimer's Task Force. The co-chair offices run the Alzheimer's Task Force.

NOTE: If your member of Congress or their staff asks you a question you do not know the answer to, that is not a problem. Do not feel any pressure to provide an answer. Simply ask them to contact a member of the Alzheimer's Impact Movement's Federal Affairs Team at 202.393.7737. Also indicate the interaction at alzimpact.org so a member of the Federal Affairs team can follow up with that office.