

The Honorable Mark Kelly  
United States Senate  
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bob Casey  
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Dear Senators Kelly and Casey:

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 living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, and to their caregivers. We write in support of the *Revitalizing the Aging Network Act*, S. 3431, which would strengthen vital services for older Americans.

An estimated 6.2 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's dementia in 2021. Total payments for all individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementias are estimated at \$355 billion (not including unpaid caregiving) in 2021. Medicare and Medicaid are expected to cover \$239 billion or 67% of the total health care and long-term care payments for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias. Total payments for health care, long-term care and hospice care for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias are projected to increase to more than \$1.1 trillion in 2050. These mounting costs threaten to bankrupt families, businesses and our health care system. Unfortunately, our work is only growing more urgent.

This legislation includes additional investments in the *Older Americans Act* programs by supporting caregivers, expanding meal services, providing health programs and offering resources. It would provide further investments in important programs like the National Family Caregiver Support Program, the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, and ensuring that Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations have the resources necessary to serve Indigenous elders. Individuals with dementia living in the community have a higher likelihood than older adults without dementia to rely on multiple, unpaid caregivers. Providing robust support, resources, and information to caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's continues to be an ever growing need, one which this legislation would set to improve.

We look forward to working with you this Congress to improve the quality of care for people living with Alzheimer's. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Conant, Vice President, Federal Affairs, at [rconant@alz-aim.org](mailto:rconant@alz-aim.org) or at 202.638.7121.

Sincerely,



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