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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chairman
Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,
Health and Human Services, Education, and
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro,

Alzheimer's disease is a devastating condition affecting millions of families across our nation. In 2018, Congress acted decisively to address this important issue through the passage of the Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act (P.L. 115-406). This strong bipartisan law authorizes \$100 million over five years for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to build a robust Alzheimer's and other dementias public health infrastructure across the country. We urge you to continue to provide significant investments for the fifth year of BOLD's implementation at CDC in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.

More than 6 million Americans age 65 and older are currently living with Alzheimer's. Unfortunately, this number is projected to increase to nearly 13 million by 2050, making investments in this programming much more critical. As scientists continue to search for a way to cure or slow the progression of Alzheimer's through medical research, early detection and intervention programming plays a central role in promoting population-level improvements that will lead to long-term cognitive function in addition to targeted patient care interventions, and ultimately improve the overall quality of life for patients living with this treacherous disease.

The BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act provides this crucial investment by establishing Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Public Health Centers of Excellence across the country and funding state, local, and tribal public health departments to increase early detection and diagnosis, reduce risk, prevent avoidable hospitalizations, reduce health disparities, support the needs of caregivers, and support care planning for people living with the disease. The law also aims to increase the analysis and timely reporting of data, which is important to identify opportunities for more targeted health care interventions, tracking progress in the health care system's response to Alzheimer's Disease, and helping to promote more informed public policy decisions. Ultimately, the important policies and continued investments by Congress in BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act programming can help individuals with Alzheimer's to live in their homes longer and potentially delay costly long-term nursing home care.

The funding increases appropriated for BOLD's implementation over the years continue to be meaningful steps forward and have allowed CDC to award funding to three Public Health Centers of Excellence and 23 public health departments. While this funding is an important step

forward, we ask that you appropriate \$35 million for FY24 in order to help our health care system effectively address the growing needs of Alzheimer's patients and their families.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important bipartisan request to fund BOLD's fifth year of implementation within the CDC.

Sincerely,



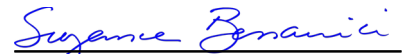
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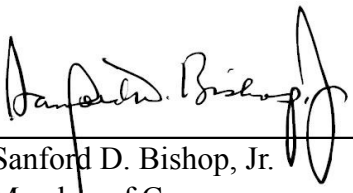
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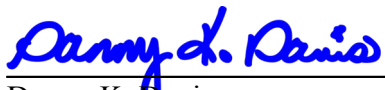
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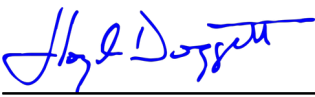
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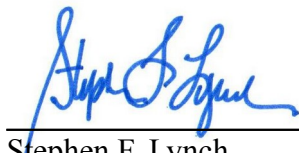
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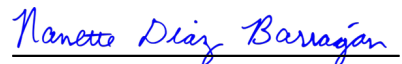
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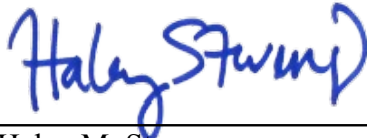
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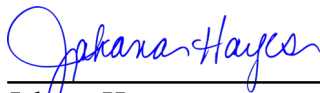
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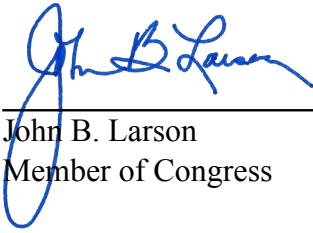
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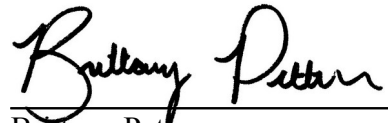
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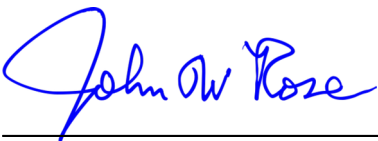
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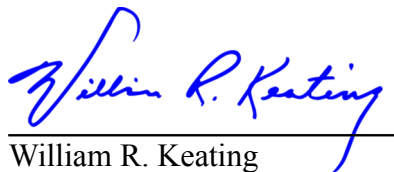
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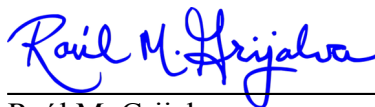
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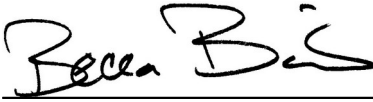
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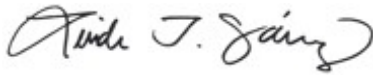
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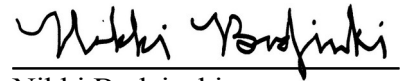
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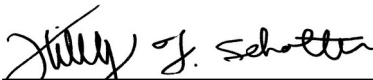
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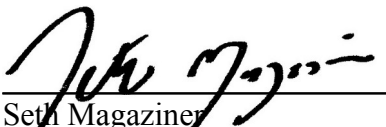
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