

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4606

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Vice Chair  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS & Education  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS & Education  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Murray, Chair Baldwin, Vice Chair Collins, and Ranking Member Capito:

As you work to assemble the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill, we urge you to continue to prioritize and build upon your commitments to Alzheimer's disease research and public health initiatives. We thank you for your continued commitment to increasing funding for Alzheimer's research and look forward to working with you given the tremendous human and economic costs of this devastating disease.

Alzheimer's disease and other dementias pose a grave threat to the health of our people and to the fiscal well-being of our nation's health programs. Nearly 7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's dementia, a number that is projected to increase to nearly 13 million by 2050.<sup>1</sup> Alzheimer's is a debilitating and progressive disease. The impact of this disease almost always extends beyond just those diagnosed and impacts millions of family members, friends, and caregivers whose lives are forever changed. Alzheimer's and other dementias will also cost our nation an estimated \$360 billion in 2024, including \$231 billion in Medicare and Medicaid costs.<sup>2</sup> Unfortunately, our work is only growing more urgent.

In FY 2024, thanks to your work, Congress enacted a \$100 million increase for Alzheimer's research, bringing the country's total investment to more than \$3.8 billion. While we have achieved investments over the past decade, the need to accelerate Alzheimer's research to change the trajectory remains urgent. To that end, we urge you to continue making Alzheimer's disease research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) a priority.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/facts-figures>

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To ensure that our federal investment in biomedical research reaches families facing Alzheimer's, we request robust funding for the bipartisan BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act, which was signed into law in December 2018 (P.L. 115-406). Headed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this law represents the beginning of a bold new era for treating Alzheimer's by creating a public health infrastructure, bringing research to communities, reducing the risk of cognitive decline, and improving diagnosis and treatment of the disease. The funding increases appropriated for BOLD's implementation over the years continues to support meaningful steps forward and has allowed CDC to award funding to three Public Health Centers of Excellence and fund 66 awards to 45 state, local, and tribal public health departments. While this is an important step forward, we ask that you provide robust funding for BOLD's implementation, in order to have the meaningful impact that Congress intended and to address Alzheimer's as an urgent and growing public health crisis.


Finally, to continue to provide direct services to individuals and families, we urge you to include appropriate support for Alzheimer's disease and dementia initiatives through the Administration for Community Living (ACL), particularly for the National Alzheimer's Call Center.

We understand the challenges you face in setting FY 2025 appropriations levels, and we appreciate your consideration of this request.

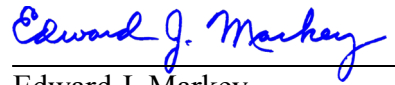
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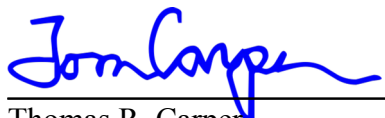
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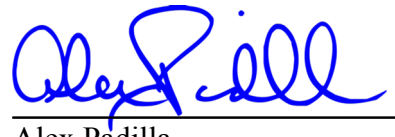
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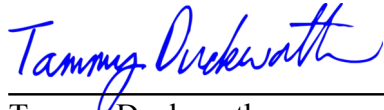
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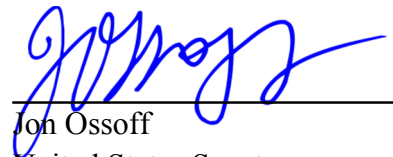
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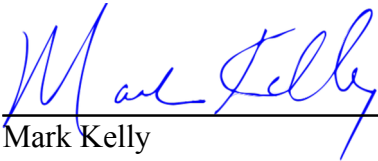
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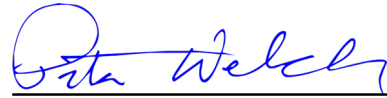
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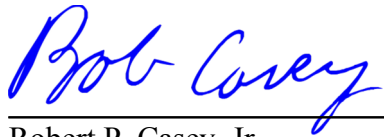
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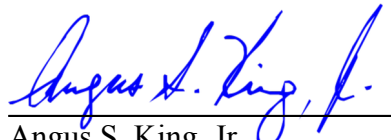
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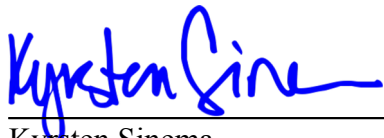
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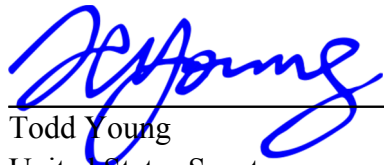
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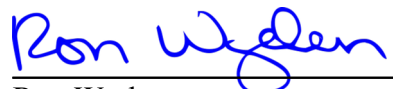
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