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The Honorable Jerry Moran
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The Honorable James Lankford
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
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The Honorable Cory Booker
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The Honorable Andy Kim
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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
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Dear Senators Capito, Klobuchar, Moran, Booker, Sullivan, Kim, Lankford and Cantwell:

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 dementia, and to their caregivers. The Alzheimer's Association and AIM write today to strongly support the Accelerating Access to Dementia & Alzheimer's Provider Training (AADAPT) Act, S. 4036, which will empower primary care providers to better diagnose Alzheimer's and other dementia and deliver high-quality, person-centered care in community-based settings.

Over 7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, and by 2050, this number is expected to rise to nearly 13 million. Alzheimer's is one of the costliest conditions in the United States. In 2025, total payments for all individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementia are estimated at \$384 billion (not including unpaid caregiving). By 2050, these costs are projected to rise to nearly \$1 trillion. Only half of those living with Alzheimer's disease are diagnosed and of those, only half are told of their diagnosis.

Primary care providers are at the frontline and the first stop for many people concerned with their cognitive abilities. With specialists often backlogged when accessible at all, primary care must be better equipped to detect and diagnose causes of dementia directly. In 85 percent of cases, the initial diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease is made by clinicians who are not dementia specialists, usually primary care providers. Recent studies show that half of primary care physicians reported that they do not feel adequately prepared to care for individuals living with Alzheimer's and other dementia. Quality care delivered by trained providers leads to better health outcomes for individuals and caregivers and puts less strain on health systems.

The AADAPT Act helps address this gap by authorizing grants for providers participating in structured virtual education programs focused on Alzheimer's and dementia care. These programs would strengthen providers' skills in detection, diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing care by offering free, remote continuing education led by dementia care experts. These programs will also help engage rural and medically underserved areas, where primary care providers often face the greatest strain and many cases are undiagnosed. By bringing targeted training directly to providers, the AADAPT Act helps ease the burden on patients and families and ensures access to quality dementia care regardless of where someone lives.

The Alzheimer's Association and AIM deeply appreciate your continued leadership on behalf of all Americans living with Alzheimer's and other dementia. If you have any questions about this or any other legislation, please contact Agnes Germiller, Associate Director of Federal Affairs, at aggermiller@alz-aim.org or at 202.638.8662.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel M. Conant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Conant
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