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The Honorable Nanette Barragán
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The Honorable Darin LaHood
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Paul Tonko
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Balderson, Barragán, LaHood and Tonko:

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, H.R. 3747, 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.

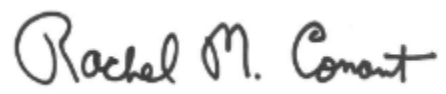
Over 7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, and by 2050, this number is expected to rise to nearly 13 million. Alzheimer's is one of the costliest conditions in the United States. In 2024, total payments for all individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementia are estimated at \$360 billion (not 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. An early and accurate diagnosis cannot be ignored; it can significantly improve an individual's treatment and enhance quality of life.

Primary care providers are often the first point of contact 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 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. Yet, too often, overburdened primary care providers are unable to access the latest patient-centered dementia training.

The AADAPT Act would provide grants to providers participating in structured Alzheimer's and dementia education and support programs, expanding access for people in rural, frontier, and medically underserved areas to receive the diagnosis, care, and support they need from providers they already know. These grants aim to address the knowledge gaps and workforce capacity issues faced by primary care providers as they see an increasing population living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia.

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 Jennifer Pollack, Director of Access Policy, at jpollack@alz-aim.org or at 202.638.7032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel M. Conant". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Rachel Conant
Senior Vice President, Public Policy, Alzheimer's Association
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