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The Honorable Dan Goldman
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The Honorable Don Bacon
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The Honorable Valerie Foushee
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Dear Representatives Kim, Goldman, Bacon, and Foushee,

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 appreciate your work to introduce the bipartisan Bridging Relief in Delayed Government Enrollment (BRIDGE) for Young Onset Alzheimer's Disease Act of 2025, which could be an enormous help to individuals living with dementia, their families, and their caregivers. We are proud to endorse the BRIDGE for Young Onset Alzheimer's Disease Act of 2025.

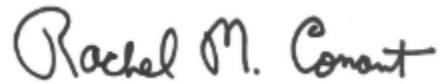
Your proposal to eliminate the waiting period for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits and to phase out the two-year waiting period for Medicare coverage would be especially meaningful for younger individuals living with dementia. Approximately 200,000 Americans under age 65 are living with early-/younger-onset Alzheimer's disease or another dementia. Many are still in the workforce and raising families. As cognitive impairment progresses, they must often leave their jobs, losing both income and employer-sponsored health insurance. Families can be reduced to a single—or no—source of income while paying substantial out-of-pocket costs for dementia care. During the SSDI and Medicare waiting periods, they deplete savings and struggle to navigate a complex disease that touches nearly every aspect of life.

Expediting access to SSDI will help close immediate income gaps, and earlier Medicare eligibility will connect individuals to the health care services needed to manage dementia and common co-occurring conditions. We consistently hear from care partners and families that gaining access to these benefits provides critical stability and relief in the face of a devastating diagnosis.

Thank you again for working to improve the quality of life and care for some of the most vulnerable Americans, including those living with Alzheimer's and related dementias. If you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance as the BRIDGE for Young Onset Alzheimer's Disease Act of 2025 advances,

please contact Jenny Harper, Senior Director, Congressional Affairs, at jwharper@alz-aim.org or 202.638.8687.

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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