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Dear Representatives Smith, Tonko, and Waters:

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 support **the Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act, H.R. 7773**, which would continue the requirement for NIH to submit a Professional Judgment Budget (PJB) to Congress, among other provisions.

The burden of Alzheimer's on individuals and families continues to grow. Today, more than 6 million Americans aged 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's dementia and by mid-century, this number is expected to nearly double. Total payments for all individuals living with this disease are estimated at \$321 billion (not including unpaid caregiving). Medicare and Medicaid are expected to cover \$206 billion, or 64 percent of the total health care and long-term care payments for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias. Total payments for health care costs, including hospice care, for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias are projected to increase to nearly \$1 trillion by 2050. These mounting costs threaten to bankrupt families, businesses, and our health care system. Unfortunately, our work is only growing more urgent.

The Alzheimer's Accountability Act has allowed Congress to hear directly from the scientists at the NIH on how much research funding is needed to fully pursue scientific opportunities to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act would continue the requirement for NIH to submit a professional judgment budget to Congress describing the annual funds needed to make progress in the fight against Alzheimer's disease.

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 Rachel Conant, Vice President of Federal Affairs, at rconant@alz-aim.org or at 202.638.7121.

Sincerely,

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