

The Honorable (full name of House Member)  
(Room #) (Name) House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

As a voter in your District, I am writing today to voice my strong support for the Health Outcomes, Planning and Education (HOPE) for Alzheimer's Act (S.857), and to ask you to help ensure the Bill's passage.

Introduced by U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow and sponsored by sponsored by Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Edward Markey (D-MA), and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), the bill offers a critical opportunity for us as a nation to make enormous strides in the challenges faced by patients of Alzheimer's disease and those who care for them.

The legislation would provide Alzheimer's patients and their families with much-needed information about the disease and treatment options, as well essential information and training on how caregivers can safely and effectively provide care for their loved ones and plan for the future.

Here are just a few facts about Alzheimer's disease that underscore why this Bill needs your support:

- Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States, killing more people than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.
- In 2013, 15.5 million family and friends provided 17.7 billion hours of unpaid care to those with Alzheimer's and other dementias – care valued at \$220.2 billion, which is nearly eight times the total revenue of McDonald's in 2012.
- Alzheimer's and dementia take a devastating toll on caregivers. The physical and emotional burden of caregiving led to \$9.3 billion in additional health care costs in 2013.
- Nearly 60 percent of Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers rate the emotional stress of caregiving as high or very high. More than one-third report symptoms of depression.

This needs to change. Your help can make the difference. Please join in supporting the HOPE Act today.

Sincerely,

P.S. This devastating disease will affect all of us, directly or indirectly. Thank you in advance for being part of the solution.