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National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA)

Alzheimer's is a national crisis, affecting Americans across all walks of life and across all regions of the country.

- 5.3 million people – 5.1 million aged 65 and older – have Alzheimer's disease, and another American develops Alzheimer's every 70 seconds.
- Caring for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias costs society a total of \$172 billion, including \$122 billion in costs to Medicare and Medicaid.
- Nearly 11 million caregivers provide care for people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias – unpaid care valued at \$144 billion.

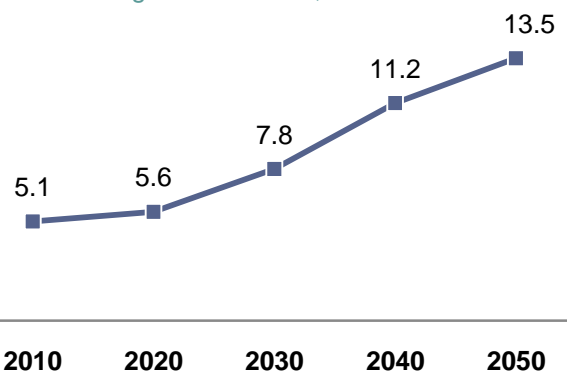
The Alzheimer's crisis is only going to get worse.

- In 2050, 13.5 million Americans aged 65 and older will have Alzheimer's disease, and someone will develop Alzheimer's every 33 seconds.
- Caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias in 2050 will cost Medicare and Medicaid over \$800 billion (in today's dollars).

Countries with a National Alzheimer's Disease Plan

Australia	Norway
Germany	England
Canada	South Korea
Netherlands	France
Cyprus	Sweden

Americans with Alzheimer's
Age 65 and Over; in Millions



Despite this crisis, there is no plan on how to address it. *The National Alzheimer's Project Act (S. 3036/H.R. 4689)* would change that. It would:

- Launch a campaign within the federal government to overcome Alzheimer's disease.
- Create a National Alzheimer's Disease Plan.
- Update and report the National Plan to Congress annually.
- Establish an inter-agency Advisory Council that will coordinate and evaluate all federal efforts on Alzheimer's research, care, institutional services, and home- and community-based programs.
- Accelerate the development of treatments that would prevent, halt, or reverse the course of Alzheimer's disease.
- Ensure the inclusion of racial populations at higher risk for developing the disease.