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Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

What is the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease?

- The Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease is a group of both Senators and Representatives who are committed to seeing that Alzheimer's disease is brought to the forefront of the congressional agenda.
- It was founded in 1999 to advance Alzheimer's research, meet the needs of people with the disease, and raise awareness of Alzheimer's among the public and in Congress.

Who is on the Task Force?

- In the 116th Congress the co-chairs of the bipartisan Task Force are:
 - In the House of Representatives: Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Maxine Waters (D-CA).
 - In the Senate: Susan Collins (R-ME), Mark Warner (D-VA), Pat Toomey (R-PA), and Ed Markey (D-MA).
- As of March 2020, more than 180 members from both parties and from both the House and Senate are members of the Task Force.

Task Force Membership

Additional members join the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease on an ongoing basis. For a current list of members, please visit: alzimpact.org/congress/task_force.

Alzheimer's Facts

- » Over **5 million** Americans are living with Alzheimer's — and by 2050, nearly **14 million** will have the disease.
- » Deaths from Alzheimer's disease have **increased 146% since 2000**, more than any other top 10 cause of death.
- » Caring for people with Alzheimer's will cost the United States **\$305 billion** in 2020, increasing to more than **\$1.1 trillion** in 2050.

What does the Task Force do?

- The work of the Task Force's members has been instrumental in helping the more than 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.
- The Task Force worked to pass the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA, Public Law 111-375). NAPA's unanimous passage led to the development of the first-ever *National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease*.
- The Task Force has been active in efforts to secure funding for Alzheimer's research at the National Institutes of Health, resulting in a quadrupling of Alzheimer's research funding in the last four years.
- Through congressional briefings and events featuring award-winning researchers, the Task Force has worked to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease.