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Senator Klobuchar to Hold Forum on Alzheimer's Disease

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar is hosting a public forum on Wednesday, August 24, to highlight leading-edge research on Alzheimer's disease and its potential impact on the diagnosis, treatment and care of people with the disease.

The featured speaker is Dr. Richard Hodes, director of the National Institute on Aging, the main federal agency that sponsors medical research on Alzheimer's.

After his presentation, Dr. Hodes will join a panel discussion with Klobuchar and Minnesota experts on Alzheimer's, including an individual who is already diagnosed with the disease.

Nationally, 5.4 million Americans currently live with Alzheimer's, including nearly 100,000 Minnesotans. These numbers are expected to grow dramatically with the aging of the Baby Boom generation.

Although there is no known cure for this degenerative and ultimately fatal brain disease, research on Alzheimer's has made great advances in recent years.

Several months ago, for the first time in 27 years, the National Institute on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association issued updated criteria for diagnosing Alzheimer's and new research guidelines for studying the disease.

Klobuchar is cosponsor of the Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act, which would strengthen federal support of Alzheimer's research and increase the focus on clinical treatments for people with the disease. Klobuchar is also author of the Americans Giving Care to Elders (AGE) Act, which would provide a tax credit and other assistance to family caregivers.

Cosponsored by the Alzheimer's Association of Minnesota-North Dakota, the forum will be Wednesday, August 24, 12:00p.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Minneapolis Central Public Library, 300 Nicollet Mall. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. A light lunch is available for purchase at registration.

The forum is free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested by emailing alzheimersforum@klobuchar.senate.gov or calling 612-727-5220.

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