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## **NAPA Listening Session**

**St. Paul (August 30, 2011)** – The Alzheimer's Association will hold a public input session to solicit views, comments and perspectives from stakeholders in the Alzheimer's community to aid in the development of a successful National Alzheimer's Plan. The recommendations and comments expressed during these input sessions, taking place across the country in August, will be collected and shared this fall with officials from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the agency charged with developing a national plan to address the escalating public health crisis. The Input session will be held on August 31, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rondo branch of the St. Paul Public Library (461 North Dale Street, St. Paul, MN).

*Policy advisors specializing in health care from the offices of U.S. Senator Al Franken, and U.S. Representatives Betty McCollum and Keith Ellison will attend to hear policy recommendations from Alzheimer's advocates, and to answer questions.*

Minnesotans affected by the disease, including those living with Alzheimer's, their caregivers, representatives from the state and local government, the research community, health systems and long-term care facilities are invited to come out and share their thoughts about what elements need to be addressed to help those impacted by Alzheimer's disease. These input sessions mark the first step in building a national Alzheimer's strategy for an already large, growing and diverse Alzheimer's community.

The National Alzheimer's Project was created in January 2011 when President Obama signed the National Alzheimer's Project Act into law, after unanimous passage in the both the U.S. House and Senate. To learn more about the input session, submit comments for consideration or the National Alzheimer's Project Act (Public Law 111-375), visit [www.alz.org/napa](http://www.alz.org/napa).

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The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's. For more information, visit [.alz.org](http://alz.org).