

# Protect the Vulnerable Include in the Relief Package:

As Congress works on the fourth economic relief package, the Alzheimer's Association is asking Congress to include three bipartisan policies to support the Alzheimer's community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## 1 **Promoting Alzheimer's Awareness to Prevent Elder Abuse Act (S. 3703/ H.R. 6813)**

We urge Congress to include the Promoting Alzheimer's Awareness to Prevent Elder Abuse Act which would require the Department of Justice to develop training materials to assist professionals who support victims of abuse living with Alzheimer's and other dementia in order to improve the quality of their interactions with this vulnerable population, and help protect them from elder abuse. This bill was introduced by Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and Charles Grassley (R-IA), and Representatives Ted Deutch (D-FL-22), Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA-14), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1), Pete King (R-NY-2), Maxine Waters, (D-CA-43) and Chris Smith (R-NJ-4) in the House.

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## 2 **Improving HOPE for Alzheimer's Act (S.880/ H.R.1873)**

The COVID-19 pandemic is challenging health systems worldwide and raising many important issues, including care planning in the presence of acute life-threatening illness, especially for those living with Alzheimer's and other dementia. We urge Congress to include the bipartisan Improving HOPE for Alzheimer's Act which would increase the use of the care planning benefit in order to help more families by educating clinicians on the Alzheimer's and dementia care planning services available through Medicare.

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## 3 **Expand Access to Credit for Nonprofits**

As a leading voluntary health charity, we are committed to quality care, support, and research that will benefit people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia, caregivers, and families, especially in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. We ask Congress to establish an exclusive fund to support nonprofit employers with between 500 and 10,000 employees, including loan forgiveness and other provisions to enable the Alzheimer's Association and other large health charities to continue to effectively serve the communities that depend on our resources now and in the future.