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Dear Representative Tonko,

As the CEO of the [Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention \(AWHP\)](#), I am writing to thank you for championing the Alzheimer's Screening and Prevention (ASAP) Act (H.R.6130).

This legislation would be instrumental in expanding access to critical Alzheimer's prevention by ensuring Medicare coverage for FDA-approved blood-based screening tests. Early detection improves neurological health outcomes, and progressive Alzheimer's diagnostics can catch the disease early enough to enable proactive treatment.

As an organization focused on women's preventive health, AWHP understands that access to dementia care is a critical women's health issue. [Two-thirds](#) of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease are women, with a [disproportionate impact](#) on people of color. Early, affordable detection would close a critical gap, as these figures show:

- [Fewer than 10%](#) of people receive a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease when they have mild cognitive impairment — the phase when symptoms first emerge and they are eligible for treatment.
- [Nearly 4 in 5](#) individuals say they would want to know their Alzheimer's diagnosis while symptoms are still mild or before symptoms appear at all.

AWHP strongly supports passage of the bipartisan ASAP Act during the 119th Congress. Medicare coverage should keep pace with scientific progress so that more individuals can benefit from earlier diagnosis and access to appropriate care.

We are also proud to partner with HealthyWomen's [This is ALZ](#) campaign, which shares the stories of people living with the earlier stages of Alzheimer's disease. These powerful stories remind us that a diagnosis does not define a person. Instead, early diagnosis empowers individuals and families to make informed decisions, access available treatments, and continue living meaningful, fulfilling lives.

We are heartened by current momentum and by the broad support for the bill, which has over 140 co-sponsors in the House and over 35 co-sponsors in the Senate.

We look forward to continuing to work alongside policymakers and advocates to expand access to blood-based screening tests for everyone, including through continued advocacy for the passage of the ASAP Act. Please let us know how we can best serve as a resource to your efforts. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Respectfully,
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CEO, Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention (AWHP)