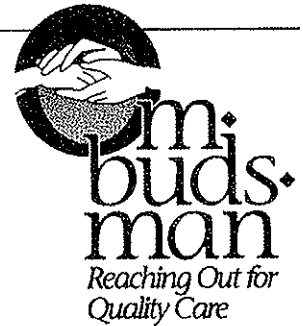


From the Desk of
Rep. Carolyn Tomei



March 13, 2013

To: Speaker Tina Kotek, Members of the Oregon House of
Representatives

RE: Letter in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 1, The State
Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias in Oregon

Dear Representatives,

The Long-Term Care Advisory Committee fully supports the State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias in Oregon. Alzheimer's Disease presents enormous emotional and financial challenges for families and stresses the healthcare system: Oregon must be prepared to respond to this public health crisis.

Our Certified Ombudsman volunteers report ever increasing numbers of residents in licensed long-term care facilities with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias. It is essential that the planning and public awareness aspects of this plan be implemented quickly and completely if we wish to keep just ahead of this disease's devastating effect on Oregon's aging citizens.

Sincerely,

Bill Bard, Chair
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Via email to John.Bartholomew@alz.org

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