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# H. R. 4689

To establish the Office of the National Alzheimer's Project.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “National Alzheimer’s  
5 Project Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL ALZHEIMER’S PROJECT.**

7       (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.**—There is estab-  
8 lished in the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human  
9 Services the Office of the National Alzheimer’s Project  
10 (referred to in this Act as the “Office”).

11       (b) **PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE.**—The Office shall—

1           (1) accelerate the development of treatments  
2 that would prevent, halt, or reverse the course of  
3 Alzheimer's;

4           (2) be responsible for the creation and mainte-  
5 nance of an integrated national plan to overcome  
6 Alzheimer's;

7           (3) help to coordinate the health care and treat-  
8 ment of citizens with Alzheimer's;

9           (4) ensure the inclusion of ethnic and racial  
10 populations at higher risk for Alzheimer's or least  
11 likely to receive care, in clinical, research, and serv-  
12 ice efforts with the purpose of decreasing health dis-  
13 parities in Alzheimer's;

14           (5) coordinate with international bodies to inte-  
15 grate and inform the fight against Alzheimer's glob-  
16 ally; and

17           (6) provide information and coordination of Alz-  
18 heimer's research and services across all Federal  
19 agencies.

20 (c) DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE.—

21           (1) APPOINTMENT.—The President shall ap-  
22 point a Director of the Office.

23           (2) DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR.—

24           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Of-  
25 fice shall—

1 (i) oversee the creation and updating  
2 of the national plan described in subpara-  
3 graph (B);

4 (ii) use discretionary authority to  
5 evaluate all Federal programs around Alz-  
6 heimer's, including budget requests and  
7 approvals; and

8 (iii) prepare and submit to the Presi-  
9 dent the annual budget estimate for the  
10 Office.

11 (B) NATIONAL PLAN.—The Director of the  
12 Office shall carry out an annual assessment of  
13 the Nation's progress in preparing for the esca-  
14 lating burden of Alzheimer's, including both im-  
15 plementation steps and recommendations for  
16 priority actions based on the assessment.

17 (3) SERVICE BY DIRECTOR.—The Director of  
18 the Office shall serve on the advisory board of the  
19 Office of Science and Technology to promote re-  
20 search efforts into mechanisms to slow and stop the  
21 development of Alzheimer's for those at risk of de-  
22 veloping the disease.

23 (d) ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the  
25 Office an Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research

1 and Treatment (referred to in this Act as the “Advisory Council”).  
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3 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

4 (A) FEDERAL MEMBERS.—The Advisory  
5 Council shall be comprised of the following ex-  
6 perts:

7 (i) A designee of the Centers for Dis-  
8 ease Control and Prevention.

9 (ii) A designee of the Administration  
10 on Aging.

11 (iii) A designee of the Centers for  
12 Medicare & Medicaid Services.

13 (iv) A designee of the Indian Health  
14 Service.

15 (v) A designee of the Office of the Di-  
16 rector of the National Institutes of Health.

17 (vi) The Surgeon General.

18 (vii) A designee of the National  
19 Science Foundation.

20 (viii) A designee of the Department of  
21 Veterans Affairs.

22 (B) NON-FEDERAL MEMBERS.—In addi-  
23 tion to the members outlined in subparagraph  
24 (A), the Advisory Council shall include 12 ex-

1           pert members from outside the Federal Govern-  
2           ment, which shall include—

3                   (i) 2 Alzheimer patient advocates;

4                   (ii) 2 Alzheimer caregivers;

5                   (iii) 2 health care providers;

6                   (iv) 2 representatives of State health  
7           departments;

8                   (v) 2 researchers with Alzheimer-re-  
9           lated expertise in basic, translational, clin-  
10          ical, or drug development science; and

11                  (vi) 2 voluntary health association  
12          representatives, including a national Alz-  
13          heimer's disease organization that funds  
14          research and has demonstrated experience  
15          in care and patient services, and a State-  
16          based advocacy organization that provides  
17          services to families and professionals, in-  
18          cluding information and referral, support  
19          groups, care consultation, education, and  
20          safety services.

21           (3) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Council shall  
22          meet quarterly and such meetings shall be open to  
23          the public.

24           (4) ADVICE.—The Advisory Council shall advise  
25          the Director of the Office.

1           (5) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Advisory Council  
2 shall provide to the Director of the Office—

3                   (A) recommendations for information to be  
4 included in the annual report to Congress by  
5 the Office; and

6                   (B) an annually updated national plan.

7           (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Director of the Office  
8 shall submit to Congress—

9                   (1) an annual report that includes an evalua-  
10 tion of all nationally and federally funded efforts in  
11 Alzheimer’s research, clinical care, institutional, and  
12 home- and community-based programs and their  
13 outcomes; and

14                   (2) an annually updated national plan.

15           (f) SUNSET.—The Office shall expire on December  
16 31, 2025.

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