



NAPA Reauthorization Act Email Template

Thank you for your interest in advocating for the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA) Reauthorization Act! These template emails are intended for advocates to use in communication with their elected officials at the federal level. If you need contact information for your federal officials or have any questions about these templates, please contact NDSS Manager of Federal Government Relations, Anna Fedewa, at afedewa@ndss.org.

Subject: Please support the NAPA Reauthorization Act!

Body:

As your constituent, I urge you to co-sponsor the NAPA Reauthorization Act (H.R. 619/S. 133), as amended by the Senate HELP Committee.

Since its passage in 2011, the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA) has resulted in significant advancements in the fight against Alzheimer's disease and other dementias through a coordinated National Plan and the inception of the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services. Reauthorization of this legislation is critical to ensuring the continuation of advancements in Alzheimer's diagnoses, treatment and care. The inclusion of the Down syndrome community and other underrepresented groups, as reflected in the amended bill passed by the Senate HELP Committee, is an important forward for the Down syndrome community.

Individuals with Down syndrome are uniquely situated in the Alzheimer's landscape because they have an extra copy of chromosome 21. The 21st chromosome carries the amyloid precursor protein (APP) gene, which is strongly associated with the formation of amyloid peptides and plaques, a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease. As a result, individuals with Down syndrome have an elevated lifetime risk for developing Alzheimer's disease, with the onset of symptoms coming earlier and progressing faster than in the general population. In fact, Alzheimer's disease is the number one cause of death for individuals with Down syndrome.

[Insert your own language here about how this bill affects you, why you are passionate about this issue etc.]

Please work to ensure that people with Down syndrome are included in all initiatives concerning Alzheimer's disease, including the NAPA Reauthorization Act.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Anna Fedewa, Manager of Federal Government Relations at the National Down Syndrome Society at afedewa@ndss.org.