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DATE: 2 March 2018
TO: Members of the Wisconsin State Senate
FROM: Dane County Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors
SUBJECT: Support AB 632/SB 527 (Alzheimer/Dementia Awareness Grants)

The Dane County Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors endorses AB 632/SB 527 (Alzheimer/Dementia Awareness Grants) which will require the Department of Health Services to award grants up to \$500,000 GPR in only FY 2018 to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia in rural and underserved urban areas across Wisconsin.

An estimated 6,084 Dane County residents were diagnosed with Dementia in 2010. It is projected this number will increase to over 8,000 in 2020. These diseases can be fatal and put an immense strain on family members, friends, and community resources.

We ask you to approve the Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness Grant bill.

cc: The Honorable Scott Walker, Governor, State of Wisconsin
Members, Dane County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive
Ms. Lynn Green, Director, Dane County Department of Human Services