



H.136 ACCESS TO BIOMARKER TESTING

EARLY AND ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS SAVES
TIME AND MONEY



April 10, 2025

Dear Chair Black and members of the House Committee on Health Care,

Alzheimer's disease is a brain disorder that slowly destroys memory, thinking skills, and the ability to carry out the simplest tasks. 12,800 Vermonters are living with Alzheimer's, but as many as half of them are not formally diagnosed. H.136 would ensure Vermonters have access to timely and accurate diagnosis, which may take up to two years without access to biomarker tests. Diagnosis leads to lower costs of care for people living with dementia and the state. In a 2018 analysis, diagnosis led to projected cost savings of approximately \$63,000 per person of which \$30,000 was in Medicare savings, \$20,000 in Medicaid savings, and \$13,000 in other savings. Twenty states have already enacted legislation covering biomarker testing. Vermont is poised to become the next state to ensure access to biomarker coverage.

We ask that you take up and support H.136: An act relating to health insurance coverage for biomarker testing.

Respectfully,

Aaron Brush, Middlebury
Nathalie Coulture Colchester

Stevon C Thompson Castleton
Michael J. Bradley II, Springfield
Rachel Wiley, occupational therapist Colchester

CARMEN SLEEPER, RN. *Farmer. Full time nurse in care giver of my mother*
WRJct VT

Betsy Bianchi, Killington
Megan Culp Hartford
Janice Wiley - South Burlington *former care giver*

Kevin Baxter, Burlington
Both my grandmothers had Alzheimer's;
Please support H.136 - biomarkers are so instrumental in early diagnoses
Katerie Lewis Montpelier *caregiver*
Carole - Gny. Lathrop -
Vanessa Fortune - Williston
Jermi Stevenson - Burlington



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Ann Marie Sullivan Essex Jct. So important
to have early diagnosis for early treatment

Jon Bouton - Hartford - Early and accurate diagnosis
would have made a tremendous difference in my deceased wife's
care. I also have children and grandchildren who I pray
will have early biomarker detection available -

Pamela Smith - It took years for me to be diagnosed
and my mother who is far more advanced than
me still isn't diagnosed. This bill would help,

NANCY MCKEEGAN BELMONT, VT. WITH OUR AGING POPULATION,
A PENNY SAVED IS WORTH THE COST
AND PREVENTION OF TESTING

Kathy Mitchell & Carl Mitchell - Mt. Holly, VT.

Woy Aldridge - Winooski, VT - Father has been
diagnosed and would like to be able to
assess my and other family members' risk.

Susan Aldridge - Brattleboro, VT So many reasons this
important my husband has
ALZ.

Catherine Alexander ~~Sullivan~~ Berrington, accurate and
early diagnosis would help families weather the
new diagnosis and make arrangements



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June 2022 Luke White Bullington My uncle was diagnosed
3 years ago and I have seen the impact it has had on
him and our family

Abigail Palaza - Colchester VT - my dad had to be his
own advocate for a diagnosis, but with it we have
more support and closure. Support this for others to
get answers to their questions



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April 16, 2025	Valerie	Lewis	Montpelier
April 18, 2025	Cheryl	Williams	Craftsbury
April 16, 2025	Nancy	Stone	Williston
April 16, 2025	Suzanne	Colvin	Brattleboro
April 16, 2025	Peggy	Irons	Berlin
April 18, 2025	Andrea	Sandy	Jericho
April 16, 2025	Ava	Goodell	Hinesburg
April 16, 2025	Joanna	Cole	Shelburne
April 16, 2025	Deb	Chisholm	Williston
April 16, 2025	Luba	Routsong	Colchester
April 18, 2025	Richard	Butz	Bristol
April 15, 2025	Amy	Joseph	Williston
April 16, 2025	Lin	Kalson	Ferrisburgh
April 16, 2025	Nancy	Merolle	Middlebury
April 16, 2025	Libby	Hillhouse	Danville
April 16, 2025	Betsy	Millmann	Burke
April 15, 2025	Priscilla	Hall	Thetford
April 18, 2025	Heather	Cacace	Burlington
April 16, 2025	Shawn	Medowski	Essex Junction
April 15, 2025	Nancy	Poulos	Saint Johnsbury
April 16, 2025	Janice	Day	Shaftsbury
April 16, 2025	Richard	Gibson	Williston
April 15, 2025	Jane	Dwinell	Alburgh
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April 16, 2025	Alyssa	Hill	Williston
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April 17, 2025	Chris	Foran	Stowe
April 16, 2025	Carol	Jones	Georgia
April 15, 2025	Rich	Jarrett	Stowe