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Senator Shane Wilkin, Chair
Sunset Review Committee
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Chair Wilkin, Vice-Chair Hillyer, and members of the Sunset Review Committee:

On behalf of Director Ursel J. McElroy, thank you for the opportunity to formally request the sunset of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Task Force.

SB 24 (Sens. Wilson and Yuko, 133rd General Assembly) established the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Task Force (task force) to examine the needs of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia, the availability of services, and the ability to meet the current and future needs of individuals living with dementia. The bill was signed by Governor DeWine on November 6, 2019, and went into effect February 5, 2020. Upon issuance of the task force's findings and recommendations, the temporary law authorizing legislation requires the body cease to exist.

With the departments of Aging and Health serving as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, the 28-member task force met throughout the early years of COVID-19. Listening sessions were scheduled across the state to hear directly from people impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. During those sessions, we offered background and updates on the task force. Local clinicians, researchers, direct care workers, and loved ones also shared their stories and offered feedback. This extended the work of the task force but proved exceedingly beneficial.

Satisfying the authorizing legislation, in September 2021, the task force concluded its [findings](#) and issued a report, setting in motion achievable and actionable items which continue today. The Department of Aging's [Action Plan](#) further supplements the work of the task force and guides the department on our goals and objectives. Although the task force has sunset, we remain committed to advancing programs, services, and supports that provide innovative access to care and training opportunities for some of Ohio's most vulnerable citizens.

Chair Wilkin, Vice Chair Hillyer, and members of the Sunset Review Committee, thank you for the opportunity to request the sunset of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Task Force. If you have any questions or thoughts, please consider contacting the department's Legislative Liaison, Alex Lapso, at alapso@age.ohio.

Very Respectfully,

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