



The Honorable Representative Evan P. Shanley
Chair, House State Government and Elections
82 Smith Street
Providence, R.I. 02903

April 23, 2025

Re: In support of House Bill H-6188 entitled the Linda DaLomba Purple Alert Act

Dear Chairman Shanley,

As Town Manager in the Town of Coventry and former Director of Administration in the City of Cranston, I am in support of the proposed legislation House Bill H-6188 that would establish a notification system for locating individuals with developmental, intellectual, and physical disabilities. This Purple Alert Act legislation could have real life impacts in saving lives and reuniting families.

Hearing the story of Linda DaLomba in Cranston hit close to home as the City was my former employer and the individual that located her, Savong Sam, also works for the City and I hired him during my tenure. A close relative of mine is also autistic and has been known to wonder off and having a system in place would be extremely beneficial. Timely coordination and communication are key to locating these vulnerable individuals and this Purple Alert notification system would mirror what is already in place for Amber Alerts and Silver Alerts through the R.I. State Police and R.I. Emergency Management Agency.

I commend Representative Paplaukas for putting forth this bipartisan legislation to save lives and make a difference.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide a letter of support. If you need further information I can be reached at 822-9185.

Sincerely,
The handwritten signature of Daniel Parrillo in blue ink.
Daniel Parrillo
Town Manager