

April 24, 2025

RI House of Representatives
State Government & Elections Committee
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Support for House Bill H-6188: The Linda DaLomba Purple Alert Act

Dear Chairman Shanley and Members of the Committee:

I've spent my entire career as a social worker supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and the families who love them. I am writing today with deep and personal urgency to ask you to support House Bill H-6188, The Linda DaLomba Purple Alert Act.

When someone with significant cognitive or developmental challenges goes missing, it's terrifying... for them, for their families, and for the entire community. These are people who may not be able to speak, to ask for help, or to find their way home. The fear and helplessness their loved ones feel is something no one should have to experience.

Right now, Rhode Island has no system in place to quickly alert the public in these situations, but I'm glad The Purple Alert system would change that. It's a simple, effective way to give families hope, give law enforcement support, and give vulnerable individuals a better chance of being found safely.

Please don't wait for another family to experience what Linda DaLomba's family recently went through in Cranston. I respectfully urge you to pass this bill.

Sincerely,


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