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**From:** Joseph Polisena Jr <JPolisenajr@johnstonri.gov>  
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**To:** House State Government and Elections Committee  
**Subject:** Polisena Support of 6188

Chairman Shanley,

As Mayor of Johnston, I am writing this correspondence to express my full support of the Purple Alert Legislation.

It is our job to protect people who are unable to protect themselves. H-6188 would establish a much needed alert system to locate missing individuals with either developmental and/or physical disabilities.

The case of Ms. Linda DeLomba serves as a stark reminder of just how vulnerable this population is to the perils of this world.

Implementing this much needed alert system would provide for better coordination among first responders and the public. In dire situations such as missing persons situations, minutes matter. Any effort to help these individuals and enhance their safety should be supported by all.

I strongly urge the legislature to consider this bill and give it its full support. It has my support, as well as Johnston's Chief of Police Mark Vieira, and many others throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joseph Polisena Jr.

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