JOHNSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police, Mark A. Vieira

April 24, 2025

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

Re: Support for House Bill H-6188 the Linda DaLomba Purple Alert Act

Dear Chairman Shanley:

On behalf of the Johnston Police Department, I am writing to express my full support for the proposed Linda DaLomba Purple Alert Act. House Bill H-6188 would implement a specialized alert system in response to cases involving missing persons with intellectual disabilities whose disappearance presents a threat to their well-being.

Law enforcement is all too familiar with the urgency and complexity of cases involving individuals with intellectual disabilities. Their unique needs and vulnerability require a swift, coordinated response. This legislation would provide a consistent, statewide framework for collaboration between state and local law enforcement agencies ensuring the widespread dissemination of information to the public.

Time is of the essence in these cases. Just as systems like Amber and Silver Alerts have been instrumental in recovering missing children and senior citizens, this alert system would also serve as a critical tool to quickly inform the public and aid search efforts. Implementing such a system would significantly enhance our ability to swiftly locate these at-risk individuals and return them to safety.

As Chief of the Johnston Police Department, I stand in strong support of this initiative to protect those who are among the most vulnerable in our communities. I sincerely urge the legislature to support the passage of this important legislation.

Thank you for your continued dedication to serving and safeguarding all members of our state.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,

Chief Mark A. Vieira

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