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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 entitled the "Linda DaLomba Purple Alert Act"

Dear Chairman Shanley:

As the Chief of the Bristol Police Department, I am writing to express my full support for the proposed Purple Alert legislation.

Notably, House Bill H-6188 would establish a critical notification system for locating missing individuals with developmental, intellectual, or physical disabilities who are at risk.

This legislation serves as an additional tool in our desire to deliver desired outcomes to locate missing person(s). Timeliness and notifications is critically important during the onset of these investigations. Additionally, families/caretakers are yearning for law enforcement to have the necessary staff, equipment, tools, capabilities and outreach to bring home a loved one.

A Purple Alert would leverage this same infrastructure to help locate vulnerable individuals who do not meet the criteria for existing silver alerts. This critical expansion of our existing public safety capabilities aligns with our duty to protect all residents, especially those most vulnerable. Implementing a Purple Alert system would enhance coordination between law enforcement agencies, media outlets, and the public, significantly increasing the chances of safely locating individuals in a timely manner.

Lastly, I highly recommend the legislature outfit public safety professionals with this necessary legislation to increase our chances in life-safety matters.

Please feel free to contact me with any ancillary questions.

Respectfully,



Kevin M. Lynch
Chief of Police