

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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Robert R. Redfield, M.D.
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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Dear Dr. Redfield:

We write in support of the Rhode Island Department of Health's (RIDOH) application to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in response to Funding Opportunity Number: CDC-RFA-DP20-2004, BOLD Public Health Programs to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias. This funding would enable RIDOH to implement strategies to support people suffering from Alzheimer's or a related dementia and their caregivers.

There are approximately 23,000 persons in our state with Alzheimer's and other dementias, as well as the 53,000 family members and friends caring for them. CDC funding would enable RIDOH to address the growing need for prevention efforts, early diagnosis, and resources for people in the State of Rhode Island suffering from Alzheimer's or a related dementia and their caregivers. RIDOH would work collaboratively with public and private partners on the implementation of the 2019 Rhode Island Alzheimer's and Related Disorders State Plan with prioritization given to addressing the needs of Hispanic and African American older adults and their support systems. Specifically, implementation of the Plan would focus on building health care system infrastructure, convening stakeholder groups, providing public and workforce training, and expanding research and policy initiatives.

We support RIDOH's proposal and respectfully request your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations of your agency. If we can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our offices. Thank you.

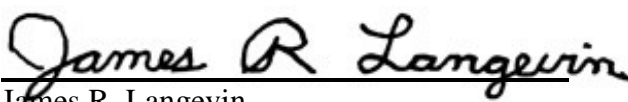
Sincerely,




Jack Reed
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United States Senator



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