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Dr. Robert Redfield
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RE: CDC-RFA-DP18-1817

Dear Dr. Redfield:

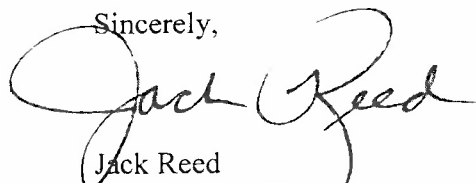
I write in support of the Rhode Island Department of Health's (RIDOH) proposal for funding through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Innovative State and Local Public Health Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke Program.

Funding through this competitive grant program will provide further resources to the RIDOH Diabetes, Heart Disease, and Stroke (RIDHDS) program. RIDHDS is an important State program that utilizes evidence-based practices to help prevent and manage cardiovascular disease and diabetes in high-burden populations. Additionally, this funding will allow the expansion of infrastructure for Health Equity Zones and increase service networks to better serve the community.

RIDHDS is critical to supporting the State's efforts to reduce the number of adults who suffer from high blood pressure and diabetes. I support RIDOH's proposal and request your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations.

If I may be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Albert of my Providence Office at 401-528-5200.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator