

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 8, 2018

Honorable R. Alexander Acosta  
Secretary  
United States Department of Labor  
Frances Perkins Building  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Acosta:

We write in support of Operation Stand Down Rhode Island's (OSDRI) application for funding through the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP).

Rhode Island's veterans continue to face many serious challenges, including homelessness. Since 1993, OSDRI has led the way in providing safe and supportive transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive services for veterans. HVRP funding is critical to support OSDRI's efforts to assist homeless veterans with services and programs to address barriers to employment and to help with the transition into meaningful employment.

OSDRI has successfully utilized HVRP funding in the past, having received funding from 2013 to 2017. Continued funding through this program will complement OSDRI's Real Pathways program that provides employment and training services to veterans utilizing a "whole veteran" approach that works to reintegrate veterans into the labor force. Continued funding through this program will allow OSDRI to expand its programs to meet the distinct needs of homeless veterans in Rhode Island.

HVRP funding, in conjunction with other supportive services, are critical elements in the effort to end homelessness, as well as provide employment and a stable environment for veterans and their families. We support OSDRI's proposal and ask for your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations. If we can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our offices. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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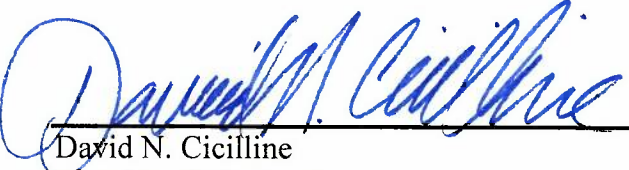
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