



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
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Lieutenant Governor

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China Earthquake Relief Committee of Rhode Island
48 Blackstone Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02861

Dear Members of the Committee:

As lieutenant governor, I am proud to accept a role as honorary chair of the China Earthquake Relief Committee of Rhode Island. As both an elected official and as a private citizen, I have found it incredibly heart-wrenching and difficult to watch the news of China's devastating earthquake unfold in the media and learn about the widespread devastation that has taken the lives of tens of thousands and impacted the lives of many thousands more. This fund can help families rebuild their lives. It is my hope that the China Earthquake Relief Committee of Rhode Island will also be able to support the hard work of first responders and disaster volunteers, as well as medical professionals and relief agencies, who are working tirelessly to rebuild the lives of the Chinese impacted by the earthquake.

One of the great aspects of life in Rhode Island is the amazing ability of people across the state to band together around an important cause, and the Chinese earthquake disaster is no exception. I want to commend all of the individuals and community groups that have joined forces to create the China Earthquake Relief Committee of Rhode Island. I have no doubt that with your efforts and creativity and the generosity of Rhode Islanders our goal of raising \$200,000 by June 1st will be met.

Rhode Island is a small state, but by working together, I believe that we can have a big impact on the lives of the Chinese destroyed by the earthquake half way across the world. I look forward to serving as honorary chair of this critically important effort and encourage all Rhode Islanders to do their part in supporting the China Earthquake Relief Committee of Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Roberts
Lieutenant Governor