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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES GRANT TO ASSIST COMMUNITY-BASED TICK CONTROL FOR LYME-DISEASE

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee announced today that the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has notified him that the University of Rhode Island will receive \$223,828 from the National Center for Infectious Diseases. The money will be used to implement a community-based tick control program for the prevention of Lyme Disease.

“Lyme Disease is an issue very important to the people of Rhode Island,” Senator Chafee Said. “I am pleased that this money is being made available to study ways to prevent this problem from escalating,” he continued.

The program will be undertaken in two components. The initial phase will estimate and evaluate “aggressive interactive outreach programs,” focusing on community-based education about both the dangers and prevention of Lyme Disease. The second phase will focus on community-based tick control, and will involve working with municipalities to employ products and methods approved by the American Lyme Disease Foundation for treating deer that may be carrying Lyme Disease infected ticks. This project will be conducted initially in Narragansett and will then be expanded to other communities.

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