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Bradley Hospital welcomes Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi recently joined Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy at Bradley Hospital to discuss the role played by research and development in Rhode Island's economic recovery. The roundtable discussion featured state health care leaders, the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, and top researchers from Rhode Island institutions of higher learning and medical research, including Bradley Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital. These institutions represent common recipients of the \$515 million in federal funding spent in Rhode Island each year on research and development.



The latest quarterly report from the Council of Economic Advisers shows that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has created or saved 11,000 jobs for Rhode Islanders, "With Rhode Island the home to exemplary institutions like Brown University, the University of Rhode Island, Lifespan and the Providence VA Medical Center, a significant portion of the federal funding spent in Rhode Island goes to support research and development – 22 percent," said Kennedy. "Not

only are these institutions making extraordinary advances in medicine and technology, but the federal funding they receive constitutes substantial investments in our economy and creates quality jobs in research and support."

Since the passage of the ARRA, which was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009, Rhode Island institutions – including Bradley Hospital – have received millions of dollars worth of federal grants to fund cutting-edge research and development projects in the state. Overall, Lifespan – including researchers from Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital – has received 27 grants – totaling \$9.3 million – from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that were funded by the ARRA.

To date, NIH grants funded by the Recovery Act are alone responsible for creating 89 jobs in Rhode Island.

Speaker Pelosi praised Rhode Island for the various institutions that already work together on research. "The emphasis that you have placed on collaboration is a lesson that should be learned by the rest of the country."

Congressman Kennedy added, "In fighting for federal dollars for research and development, we also stand to restore the lives of those who risked their own – our veterans. Many of our troops returning home suffer from PTSD and traumatic brain injury. With greater coordination between the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, and the VA, we can better utilize the resources committed to research and development that are making breakthroughs every day in research facilities like those here in Rhode Island."

Daniel J. Wall, president and chief executive officer, Bradley Hospital; Gregory K. Fritz, MD, academic director, Bradley Hospital; Timothy J. Babineau, MD, president and chief executive officer, Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital; and G. Rees Cosgrove, MD, chief of neurosurgery, Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital, all participated in the roundtable discussion.

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