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Dear Ms. Padula:

Congratulations to the Association of Rhode Island Health Sciences Libraries on its 50th anniversary!

Sir Francis Bacon said it best when he observed, "knowledge is power." Through the diligent work of ARIHSL and its member institutions, patients and their families and friends – many of whom are struggling with a difficult diagnosis – have been "empowered" with answers to their questions about their illness and possible treatments.

I am heartened to know of ARIHSL's zeal for improving access to useful, credible medical information. Your organization has fostered a host of collaborations and partnerships, to the great benefit of Rhode Island and its health care system.

Again, congratulations and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Lincoln Chafee

Best Wishes!