

## Silver Alert Grant Program Resource Page

Congressman Bilirakis has introduced legislation that would establish a national grant program to help U.S. states and territories establish "Silver Alert" notification systems to locate missing individuals suffering from Alzheimer's and other dementia-related illnesses.

UPDATE 2/11/09: The U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation (H.R. 632) that includes key portions of a bill sponsored by Gus to create a federal grant program to help states establish silver alert notification systems to help find missing seniors. [Read More...](#)

UPDATE 1/23/09: Rep. Bilirakis Calls for National Silver Alert Program once again in the 111th Congress. [Read More...](#)

UPDATE 9/18/08: The U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation (H.R. 6064) that includes key portions of a bill sponsored by U.S. Rep. Gus M. Bilirakis (R-Fla.) to create a federal grant program to help states establish silver alert notification systems to help find missing seniors. [Read More...](#)

UPDATE 7/15/08: The Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security of the House Judiciary Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5898, the "Silver Alert Grant Program Act of 2008." [Read More...](#)

### Legislative Resources

- Download: Section-by-Section Summary of H.R. 5898 (in .PDF format)
- Download: Full Text of H.R. 5898 (in .PDF format)
- View: Legislative Digest of H.R. 5898 on THOMAS (THOMAS)
- Press Release: Entire Florida Delegation Gets behind Silver Alert Bill
- Press Release: Rep. Bilirakis Introduces Bill Creating Silver Alert Grant Program
- Blog Post: Florida Silver Alert Moves Closer
- Blog Post: Silver Alert Saves Lives in Texas
- Blog Post: Another Alzheimer's Sufferer Goes Missing, Later Found
- Blog Post: National Silver Alert Grant Program Could Save Lives
- Download: CRS Report on Amber Alert Technology (in .PDF format)

### In the News

#### Stories on H.R. 5898

- St. Petersburg Times: Alert for missing seniors sought
- St. Petersburg Times: Silver Alert offers valuable tool when seniors are missing
- USA Today: Silver Alerts could help pinpoint missing seniors' location
- The Tampa Tribune: Lawmakers To Consider Creating a Silver Alert for Seniors
- The State-Banner: Kelly plans to file bill creating Silver Alert system
- Bay News 9: New support for Silver Alert system
- WTSP-TV (CBS 10): Bilirakis wants Silver Alert for Florida
- The Chicago Tribune: An Amber Alert for seniors?
- Florida Today: Editorial: Finding the missing
- St. Petersburg Times: Death prompts 'Silver Alert' bill
- WFTS ABC Action News: Bill to create Silver Alert Program introduced to lawmakers
- Stateline.org: When an elder goes missing, seven states can trigger Silver Alerts

#### Stories on May Zelter

- The Tampa Tribune: Silver Alert Is 'Great Idea For Florida'
- St. Petersburg Times: Search for missing woman, 86, widens across nation
- ABC News: Could an Amber Alert for Seniors Help?
- St. Petersburg Times: Body pulled from water identified as missing Largo woman
- The Tampa Tribune: Family Of Dead Woman Advocates Alert System For Missing Elderly
- St. Petersburg Times: Police find Largo woman, but few answers
- St. Petersburg Times: Missing 86-year-old Largo woman drowned

#### Stories on 'Silver Alert'

- USA Today: Editorial: Bright ideas on public health
- Prime Time Radio, AARP's Weekly National Hour-Long Program: Silver Alert Feature

- St. Petersburg Times: Florida's Silver Alert spurs a national plan
- St. Petersburg Times: U.S. House passes Silver Alert to find seniors
- St. Petersburg Times: Silver Alert provides valuable tool at critical times
- St. Petersburg Times: Largo tragedy gives rise to new Silver Alert system
- St. Petersburg Times: Silver Alert offers valuable tool when seniors are missing
- The Tampa Tribune: Pinellas Officials Relish Coming Of Silver Alert System
- Bay New 9: U.S. House passes National Silver Alert Act
- Fort Worth Star-Telegram: Texas' 'silver alert' system has helped find missing seniors
- Associated Press: State's 'Silver Alert' program successfully finds seniors
- The News & Observer: Questions linger in elderly man's death
- KTNV ABC Action News: Group Works To Get Silver Alert Program In Nevada
- The Register-Herald: 'Silver Alert' proposed to find missing seniors
- KHOU-TV 11 News: Silver Alert saves lives
- Associated Press: NJ lawmakers advance bill to establish 'Silver Alert' to find lost seniors
- Charlotte Observer: Lt. Gov: SC needs an alert system to quickly find older adults who wander off