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January 10, 2017

Mr. Brian E. Kamoie
Assistant Administrator, Grants Program Directorate
Federal Emergency Management Agency
800 K Street, NW, 9th Floor North Tower
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Kamoie:

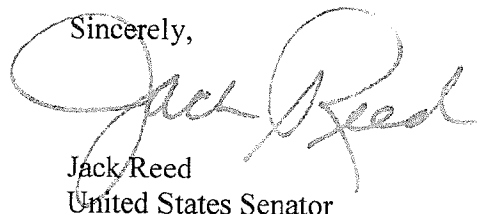
I write in support of the Providence Fire Department's application for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This funding will assist the Department in replacing an outdated ladder truck with a new NFPA compliant 110' foot aerial ladder.

The Providence Fire Department is requesting a new ladder truck to replace an aging and inoperable ladder truck that is over 26 years old. The new vehicle has modern firefighting capabilities and increased maneuverability that is critical in a densely populated city with narrow roadways. The purchase of a new vehicle with modern equipment and safety features will have an immediate and significant impact on the operations of the Providence Fire Department and the safety of the city's firefighters and residents.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is an essential resource for local fire departments to ensure that they have the appropriate equipment to respond safely and effectively to emergencies. I support the Providence Fire Department's proposal and request your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations.

If I can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to call Christopher Albert of my Providence office at (401) 528-5200.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator