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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:

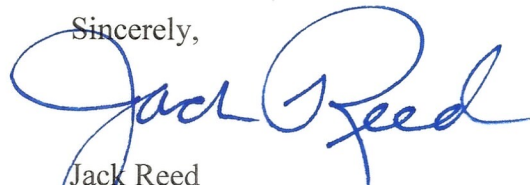
I write in support of the Town of Lincoln Fire Districts' application for funding through the Fiscal Year 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. This regional grant proposal intends to assist the participating fire districts in replacing their outdated and non-interoperable communications equipment.

The departments, as part of the regional grant request, have requested funding for 70 portable radios, 29 mobile radios, as well as 9 digital vehicle repeaters. This communication systems upgrade will allow the departments to communicate more effectively internally and with surrounding community departments who are on the RISCON 800 system. Funding this proposal will improve community and firefighter safety and allow for interoperable communication between fire departments when responding to mutual aid emergencies.

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

If we can be of assistance to you in this matter, please feel free to contact Christopher Albert in my Providence office at 401-528-5200. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed  
United States Senator