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Ms. Bridget Bean  
Deputy Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
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Washington, DC 20472

RE: EMW-2017-FO-06472

Dear Ms. Bean:

I write in support of the Pawtucket Fire Department's application for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. This funding will allow the Department to purchase equipment in order to increase firefighter safety.

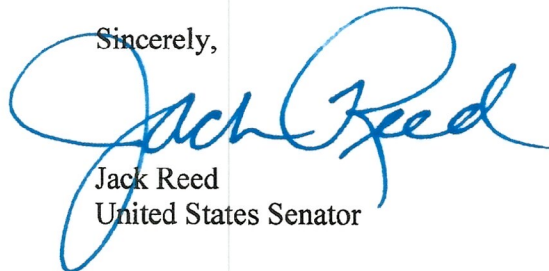
The Pawtucket Fire Department is requesting funding to purchase and install three extractors and dryers to decontaminate and dry personal protective gear. The extractors and dryers will reduce contamination and improve health and safety for firefighters. The Department has also requested 16 full sets of personal protective equipment to ensure their newly hired firefighters are properly equipped.

In addition, the Department has requested funding to purchase 28 portable radios to replace outdated radios currently in use that are no longer under manufacturer warranties and have become costly to repair. In order to comply with current safety codes and to increase firefighter safety, the Department has also requested funding to install fire alarm systems in three fire stations.

With fire departments struggling to balance budgets, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is an essential resource for local fire departments to ensure firefighters have the appropriate equipment to respond safely and effectively to emergencies. I support the Pawtucket 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