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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
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Dear Mr. Kamoie:

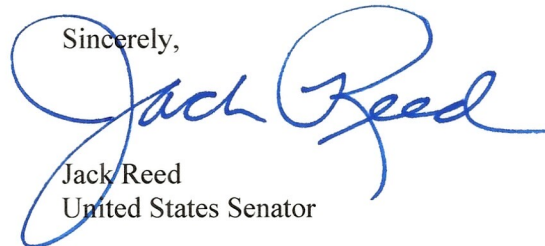
I write in support of the Woonsocket Fire Department's application for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. This funding will assist the Department in replacing their outdated Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) program and bring their other lifesaving equipment into compliance with safety standards.

The Woonsocket Fire Department has requested funding to purchase 54 SCBA units, face pieces for each firefighter, 2 SCBA Pack Trackers Personal Accountability systems, 2 Rapid Intervention Packs and a new cascade system. Obtaining this equipment will address a critical equipment need for the Department as their current equipment is outdated and in need of replacement. This grant funding will allow the Department to increase firefighter safety as well as provide better response to emergency situations in the community they serve.

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 Woonsocket 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