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Mr. W. Craig Fugate
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Administration
500 C Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20472-0001

Dear Administrator Fugate,

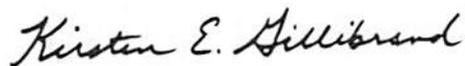
I write in support of the Bennington Volunteer Fire Company's (BVFC) application for funding from the Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will help the Company purchase new safety equipment.

Organized in 1945, the Bennington Volunteer Fire Company is a volunteer organization that provides emergency services to an area covering roughly 70 square miles, protecting a population of approximately 2,000 permanent residents. This Fire Company currently has an active membership of 26 members.

The requested funding will be used to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) and bottles. The current SCBAs and bottles are not up-to-date and in need of replacement. This new equipment will help ensure that the BVFC has the necessary tools to serve their community more effectively and safely.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Andrew Usyk at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten E. Gillibrand
United States Senator