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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 application submitted by the Goshen Fire Department (GFD) for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will be used to purchase a compressor/fill station used in conjunction with the District's self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) tanks.

Located in New York's Orange County, the Goshen Fire Department provides volunteer fire and emergency response services to over 10,500 residents. The Department includes three fire stations that average 800 calls annually. Currently, the Department is using a 27-year-old compressor/fill station which is susceptible to breakdowns and compromises the Department's incident response time.

The requested funding will be used to purchase a new 6000 psi compressor/fill station with the capability to fill 4,500 psi SCBA tanks. The new equipment will have an immediate impact by ensuring that firefighters have the proper equipment they need to undertake operations. A new compressor/fill station would hasten the GFD's emergency responses and allow them to fill the SCBAs to a level that is currently unachievable. Most importantly, this equipment will ensure the operational safety of its firefighters and the community it serves.

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 Gillibrand  
United States Senator