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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,

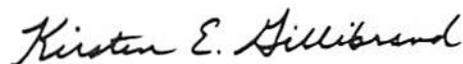
I write in support of the application submitted by the Greater Baldwinsville Ambulance Corps, Inc. (GBAC) for funding from the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will allow the ambulance corps to acquire a new ambulance and new chest compression devices, both of which will provide critical services to the community.

Located in Onondaga County, GBAC is an independent not-for-profit volunteer emergency agency that provides service to the Town of Van Buren, Town of Lysander, Town of Geddes, and Village of Baldwinsville. In all, they provide EMS services to 51,000 people in the greater Baldwinsville, NY area. They currently have 32 volunteers, 11 full-time employees and 15 part-time employees. GBAC also provides continuing medical education to its members, as well as first-aid and CPR classes to the public.

The requested funding will be used to purchase a new ambulance and four chest compression devices. The ambulance being replaced has 163,000 miles and responds to approximately 875 calls per year. In the past year the ambulance has been out of service for 37 days. As a result, GBAC has not been able to effectively provide service to the communities it serves. Complementing the efficiency of the new vehicle, the chest compression devices will provide EMT responders with a safer and more effective way to treat patients. Ultimately, this new equipment will allow GBAC to maintain high standards of safety in the area it serves.

I ask that you 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,



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United States Senator