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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 Scotia Fire Department (SFD) for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will enable the department to replace outdated personal protective equipment.

Located in Schenectady County, the Scotia Fire Department consists of 13 career and 20 volunteer firefighters. The department provides numerous firefighting and emergency services to the Scotia community, ranging from structural fire suppression to EMT operations. Currently, the department lacks the proper personal protective equipment to keep its members safe.

The requested funding will be used to purchase 15 new sets of personal protective equipment to replace outdated, and potentially unsafe, equipment. SFD's current equipment no longer meets the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association, and much of it is worn beyond repair. This new equipment is critical to the health and safety of the Scotia Fire Department members.

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