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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 Silver Springs Fire Department for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will help the Department replace safety and operational equipment.

The Silver Springs Fire Department provides fire and emergency response services to over 900 residents of the village. The Department employs volunteer and full-time firefighters who respond to roughly 75 fire and emergency calls a year.

The requested funding will be used to replace 16 sets of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and a 20-year old compressor and fill station. The current SCBA equipment is 12 years old, and does not meet current safety standards. The outdated compressor requires constant refilling and maintenance, causing the firefighters to have to travel 20 miles in order to fill the air bottles. The requested funding will greatly improve the first responder's ability to do their work as well as improve the quality of life of the residents of Silver Spring, NY.

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