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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 Village of McGraw Fire Department for funding from the Assistance to Firefighter Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will assist the Department in purchasing a new fire hose.

The McGraw Fire Department provides fire and emergency response services to the Village of McGraw in Cortland County, New York. The 30-member, all-volunteer Department covers an area of 26 square-miles and a total population of over 4,950. Critical areas in the Department's first-due response and mutual aid response areas include three manufacturing plants and a medical center.

The requested funding will allow the Village of McGraw Fire Department to purchase a much-needed, new fire hose. The equipment is critical to the company's ability to protect the health and safety of the population it serves, and to ensure the Department's compliance with the National Response Framework established by the Department of Homeland Security.

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,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator

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