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Mr. William B. Long
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Long,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Brooktondale Fire District for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will be used to purchase 13 new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units.

Serving the Tompkins County community since 1946, the Brooktondale Fire District protects 2,100 residents in and around the Town of Caroline. The all-volunteer department consists of 30 active members and responds to over 200 requests for service each year.

The requested funding will be used to purchase 13 new SCBAs, replacing the District's current units that show significant signs of wear. Many of these SCBAs contain leaks, causing delays in service as firefighters are forced to constantly check their air supplies. In addition, these older units are heavier and more bulky than modern versions, causing the firefighters who wear them to become more fatigued. Purchasing these new SCBA units will allow the Brooktondale Fire District to better and more efficiently protect the Town of Caroline community.

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 Laura Driscoll at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator