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Mr. Brock Long  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
500 C Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Long,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Cowlesville Fire Company for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will allow the Company to purchase a Bauer breathing air compressor.

The Cowlesville Fire Company is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization. They serve to protect nearly 855 residents of Cowlesville, New York as well as 3,400 residents in the surrounding part of Western Bennington, New York. The Company works to provide rescue, fire suppression, and ambulance transport services to the residential and nonresidential areas of Cowlesville and Bennington. In 2015, Cowlesville Fire Company responded to 88 medical-related calls compared to 33 calls related to fire incidents.

The requested funding will be used to purchase a Bauer breathing air compressor to be installed in the station. A reliable source of compressed air is vital for the station as they use it to fill their Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. The area of Cowlesville and Bennington requires this funding to ensure the Company and provide critical life-saving services to local residents and assist neighboring fire departments.

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