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The Honorable Peter T. Gaynor
Acting Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator Gaynor,

I write in support of the application submitted by the DeWitt Fire District for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will be used to purchase a new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) air compressor, which will allow the district to become a primary fill station for neighboring departments in the region.

Located in Onondaga County, the DeWitt Fire District serves over 11,000 residents in the Town of DeWitt. The district is made up of 46 full-time and volunteer firefighters who annually respond to nearly 2,000 requests for service. Besides residential neighborhoods, the district's 10 square-mile protection area includes Le Moyne College, commercial corridors, and major transportation routes such as portions of Interstate 481 and several New York State routes.

The requested funding will be used to purchase a new SCBA air compressor, replacing the DeWitt Fire District's current equipment which is outdated and nearing the end of its functional lifespan. A new compressor would also allow the district to become the primary SCBA fill station for several nearby fire departments in Onondaga County. The addition of a new fill station would be beneficial to the region, as the next closest department with filling capabilities is located over 10 miles away. This new compressor will ensure members of the Onondaga County community receive rapid assistance during emergency events.

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, Dominic Sanchez, at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator