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The Honorable Peter T. Gaynor
Acting Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Acting Administrator Gaynor,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) Foundation for funding from the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (AFG) Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will be used to provide educational intervention and door-to-door installations of working, tamper-proof fire and carbon monoxide alarms in New York's most fire-vulnerable communities through their "Fire is Everyone's Fight: Get Alarmed NYC Community Alarm Program."

The FDNY is the largest fire department in the United States. It consists of approximately 11,000 uniformed fire personnel, 4,400 EMS personnel, and 1,925 civilian personnel who serve in the world's busiest and most highly-skilled emergency response agency. The FDNY Foundation collaborates with FDNY on programs that educate New Yorkers by promoting safe practices and techniques in fire safety and prevention, increasing safety for the public and the first-responders.

The requested funding will be used to assist New Yorkers in getting fire safety alarms. This initiative will include installing alarms in homes in areas that have high rates of poverty and increased fire risk. This funding will allow the FDNY to increase safety for New Yorkers across the city by making safety guidance available in multiple languages and providing critical installations of fire safety systems for those in need.

I ask that you please give this application full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member, Dominic Sanchez, at (202) 244-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator