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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 City of Fulton Fire Department for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will be used to purchase new turnout gear washers, dryers, and mask cleaners.

Located in Oswego County, the City of Fulton Fire Department provides fire and emergency services to over 12,000 residents and responds to nearly 2,000 requests for service each year. The department is one of only two departments in Oswego County with career firefighters on staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and subsequently responds to a high volume of mutual-aid requests from several surrounding departments. Aside from schools and residential neighborhoods, the department's coverage area also includes two nuclear power plants with three nuclear reactors.

The requested funding will be used to purchase new, NFPA-compliant turnout gear washers, dryers, and mask cleaners. Currently, the department does not have adequate laundering equipment to wash and preserve its turnout gear, compromising the longevity of the gear and safety of the responders who wear it. Purchasing these new laundering systems will ensure the City of Fulton Fire Department's turnout gear remains fully functional. This will allow the department's firefighters to continue protecting the Oswego County community without risk to their own health and safety.

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