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Mr. Robert J. Fenton, Jr.
Acting Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Administrator Fenton,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Locke Fire District for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This funding will be used to purchase 21 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus's (SCBA) with two cylinders per apparatus.

Located in Cayuga County, the Locke Fire Department is the primary source of emergency fire, medical, and other emergency services for over 1,700 individuals. The Department covers an area of approximately 25-square-miles that includes a significant portion of agricultural land and forests, as well as a residential and commercial community. In 2015, the Department responded to 179 requests for service.

The requested funding will be used to purchase 21 SCBAs with two cylinders per SCBA. These will replace the Department's currently outdated SCBAs, which leak and are not interoperable with the Department's mutual aid partners. New SCBAs will provide the Locke Fire Department's firefighters with a reliable air supply, allowing them to deliver critical services to the Lisle community in 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 Laura Driscoll at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator