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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3903

June 12, 2018

Mr. William Long
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20472

Re: EMW-2018-PU-APP-00013

Dear Administrator Long:

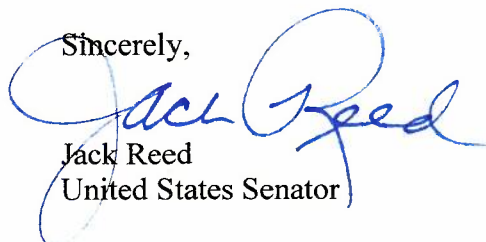
I write in support the Bristol Fire Department's proposal for funding through the 2018 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). Funding through this program will allow the Department to purchase a new Firefighting/CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives) emergency response and recovery vessel in order to increase port safety and security in the upper and eastern areas of Narragansett Bay.

The Bristol Fire Department is responsible for providing fire protection to a community that has a number of maritime industrial assets, private moorings, waterfront properties and other critical pieces of maritime infrastructure. The Bristol Fire Department is the local emergency response agency with the responsibility of prevention, response and recovery from maritime emergencies, including CBRNE events, which occur adjacent to and on the waters of the approaches to the Port of Providence, Narragansett Bay, the Taunton River, and Fall River, MA. Currently, there are no vessels of the size and capability as requested through this grant application available for immediate response in the Mount Hope Bay area or from the Sakonnet River to New Bedford, MA. This leaves a substantial void in the core capabilities and layered security as outlined by the overarching goals of the Small Vessel Security Strategy. The acquisition of this vessel would allow the Department to improve safety and security, and appropriately respond to CBRNE, IED and firefighting incidents in Narragansett Bay and the surrounding area.

I support the Bristol Fire Department's proposal that would provide a vessel to appropriately respond to emergency incidents in Narragansett Bay and the surrounding area and request your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations.

If I may be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Albert of my Providence Office at 401/528-5200.

Sincerely,



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