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Mr. Brian E. Kamoie
Assistant Administrator, Grants Program Directorate
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Washington, DC 20001

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Dear Mr. Kamoie:

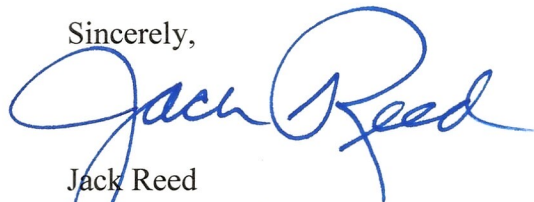
I write in support of the West Warwick Fire Department's application for funding through the Federal Management Agency's (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. Funding through this grant program will allow the department to purchase a new pumper truck to replace an obsolete, unsafe and non-upgradable apparatus.

The department's current in-service pumper is 45 years old and has become increasingly unreliable and expensive to maintain. It also lacks modern technology and safety equipment that is standard on newer fire apparatus. A new pumper truck will fill the need for a reliable and safe apparatus to effectively respond to emergency situations. In addition, the department is requesting personnel costs for training to develop a training program specific to this new vehicle. The replacement of the department's existing pumper apparatus with a new vehicle will provide firefighters with the modern, reliable equipment needed to more efficiently and safely respond to emergency calls.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program is an essential resource for local fire departments to ensure they have the appropriate equipment to safely and effectively respond to emergencies. I support the West Warwick Fire Department's proposal and request your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations.

If I can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to call Christopher Albert of my Providence office at (401) 528-5200.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator