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Ms. Bridget Bean
Acting Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate
Federal Emergency Management Agency
400 C Street SW, 3rd Floor North
Washington, DC 20472

RE: EMW-2017-FO-06736

Dear Ms. Bean:

I write in support of the Providence Fire Department's application for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

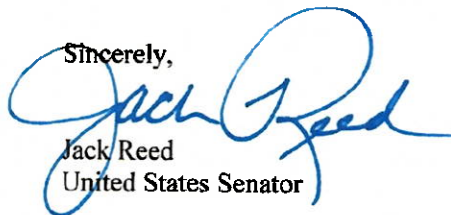
The Providence Fire Department has requested funding to replace the aging components of its 26-year-old Breathing Air System, including their air compressor and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) filling station. The Department is seeking to replace 4 of the 5 components of the system that currently do not meet NFPA Standards and lack many of the safety components found on new systems. Replacing this system is a critical need for the Department and will allow for a high quality supply of air for their front line personnel and provide a safer environment for the compressor operator.

The Providence Fire Department has also requested grant funding to provide additional training to 173 officers in three different NFPA courses. In addition, this grant funding will allow for the acquisition of fitness equipment and provide resources to re-certify fitness trainers to expand the Department's successful Peer Fitness Training Program.

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

If I can be of assistance 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