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Mr. Brian E. Kamoie Assistant Administrator, Grants Program Directorate Federal Emergency Management Agency 800 K Street, NW, 9th Floor North Tower Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Kamoie:

I write in support of the Providence Fire Department's Application for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Fiscal Year 2016 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This funding will assist the Department in purchasing a new Type I ambulance.

The Providence Fire Department has requested funding to replace an outdated 2006 Ford F350 ambulance with a modern ambulance that complies with all current industry standards. This is a critical equipment upgrade for the Department as their current ambulance has reached the end of its useful life. The ambulance scheduled for replacement is over 10 years old and has over 275,000 miles on it. Operational ambulances are critical for the safety and well-being of the citizens of Providence.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is an essential resource for local fire departments to ensure that they have the appropriate equipment to respond safely and effectively to emergencies. I support the City of Providence 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.

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Sincerely,

United States Senator