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Pamela Williams  
Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
400 C Street S.W., 3N  
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Ms. Williams,

I write in support of the application from Glenville Hill Fire District No. 8 (GHFD) to the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program.

Glenville Hill Fire District No. 8 serves over 4,000 residents over 11.2 square miles in the town of Glenville, New York. Primarily a residential community for commuters, the fire district is comprised of heavily trafficked county and state highways. During a recent risk assessment, GHFD determined one of its greatest risks was inadequate staffing levels and inability to provide an adequate response to emergency calls.

The Glenville Hill Fire District No. 8 is seeking federal funding to improve the recruitment and retention of volunteer members. This includes the purchase of billboard campaigns, print marketing, an LED sign to be mounted on the fire station, funds to support the creation of a volunteer incentive program, and provide training to new recruits. If awarded this funding by FEMA, GHFD will be able to increase volunteer membership, retain new and old members, and provide advanced training.

Like you, I am committed to ensuring our emergency services have the personnel and training to protect the public and themselves. Your full and fair consideration of this request, consistent with current laws, rules, regulations, and agency policy, is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Tonko".

PAUL D. TONKO  
Member of Congress