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February 27, 2023

Pamela Williams
Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Assistant Administrator Williams,

I write in support of the application from the City of Troy Fire Department to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The Troy Fire Department serves approximately 50,000 residents in historic Troy, New York.

The Troy Fire Department is seeking federal support to purchase 120 fire helmets as well as new turnout gear washers and dryers. Currently, the majority of TFD's fire helmets are over ten years old and have been used at hundreds of structure fires throughout their life span. These helmets are becoming unreliable and are posing a danger to the fire department's members. Additionally, the purchase of new turnout gear washers and dryers will enable TFD to properly clean and maintain its equipment and protect its members from dangerous chemicals and carcinogens.

Like you, I am committed to providing the tools and resources necessary to effectively protect the health and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel. 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

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