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March 18, 2020

DHS-FEMA-GPD
Bridget Bean
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs
400 C Street S.W., 3N
Washington, D.C. 20472-3635

Dear Ms. Bean:

I write in support of a proposal from the Guilderland Fire District (GFD) in Albany County NY, under the FY 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grants program (AFG).

GFD is seeking federal funding to replace outdated SCBA units and face pieces. Current equipment is more than ten years old and more than two NFPA cycles behind the current standard. It is anticipated this new equipment will provide essential air support with less weight, which will prevent the firefighters from becoming fatigued as quickly, thus enhancing safety and response capacity, as well as more effectively meet public needs.

I share your strong commitment to providing the tools and resources necessary to more 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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