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May 20, 2020

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**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 City of Troy Fire Department (TFD) in Rensselaer County NY, under the FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S).

The City of Troy is located in New York's Capital Region, an area of the state that has been significantly impacted by this pandemic. A large percentage of the City's population falls within the vulnerable categories of elderly, much co-morbidity, and/or economically challenged. This supplemental federal funding will be used for PPE related to COVID-19 emergency response, including masks, gowns, eye protection, infrared thermometers and electrostatic germicide sprayers.

I share your strong commitment to providing critically needed resources to emergency management personnel who respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and support community resilience. 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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