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January 26, 2022

Christopher Logan
Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, SW.
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Mr. Logan,

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. At the height of the industrial revolution, Troy was the manufacturing center for textile production in America and became known as the "Collar City." Today, the City of Troy is in recovery. Its recent history is one of decreasing population, declining tax base, and deteriorating infrastructure.

The Troy Fire Department is seeking federal funding to cover the costs of advanced emergency medical technician paramedic (AEMT-P) training for eight firefighters. Recently, the Department lost 13 firefighters and fire officers to retirement. All 13 were paramedics. The residents of Troy rely on the Department for ambulance and paramedic services. AFG Funding will enable the Department to staff its ambulances with paramedics that can deliver advanced-level care to its community and ensure patients reach a hospital quickly.

Like you, I am committed to ensuring our emergency personnel 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

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