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November 8, 2016

Mr. Brian Kamoie
Assistant Administrator - Grant Programs Directorate
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
500 C Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Assistant Administrator Kamoie:

I am pleased to support the Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department's 2016 Assistance to Firefighter's Grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department is staffed with 40 active volunteer fire fighters and 10 honorary members serving the Town and Village of Cottage Grove and a portion of the Town of Pleasant Springs in Dane County, Wisconsin.

It is my understanding that the Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department will use approved funding to replace their Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, Cascade System, Air Compressor, and add a Class 2 Containment System to a fire apparatus.

Approved funding will improve the safety and health of firefighters and allow for additional time to perform search, rescue, and fire extinguishment duties. Funding will ensure that the Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department can purchase safe code compliant equipment and provide financial support for the communities served by the Fire Department.

I strongly support programs that provide resources that aid First Responders as they work to protect and serve our community. Therefore, I respectfully ask that you give full and fair consideration to the Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department's application and keep Jessica Sielaff in my Madison Office updated on the progress of this application and contact her should you have further questions or concerns. She may be reached at 30 West Mifflin Street, Suite 700, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, by phone at 608-264-5338, or by email at projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator