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United States Senate

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Thomas DiNanno
Assistant Administrator, Grants Program Directorate
Federal Emergency Management Agency
400 C Street SW, 3N
Washington, DC 20472-3635

Re: Indianapolis Fire Department FY 2017 AFG application – DHS-17-GPD-044-00-99

Dear Mr. DiNanno:

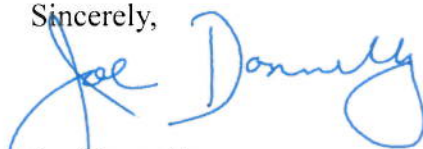
As Senator from the State of Indiana, I support FEMA's efforts to help our emergency response teams acquire the equipment required to ensure their safety in hazardous environments. Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD), serving the capital of Indiana, is interested in upgrading its Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment in order to reduce the risk of injury and death when they respond to dangerous situations.

Indianapolis Fire Department serves more than 855,000 residents of the city within an area of 278 square miles. The department needs to replace its outdated SCBA and associated equipment without delay in order to provide its 1200 sworn members with the protection needed to reduce health risks from exposure to smoke and other contaminants when responding to fire and rescue calls.

Funding from the AFG program will help IFD defray the considerable cost required to replace damaged and obsolete SCBA that do not meet NFPA standards. IFD plans to purchase new equipment that will comply with the latest technology pending SCBA National Fire Protection Association and NIOSH requirements including: 386 new SCBA units for eligible seated riding positions, training, and service maintenance; 907 additional face pieces, 40 Rapid Intervention Team packs, and spare cylinders for air support units.

A well-equipped fire department is essential to the safety of our citizens. I encourage a favorable review of the Indianapolis Fire Department application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in accordance with U.S. law and public policy. I would appreciate being notified when a decision is made. Questions and announcements can be directed to my office by contacting Marianne Black at Marianne_Black@donnelly.senate.gov or by telephone at (317) 226-5555.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator