

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3218

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Mr. Brian E. Kamoie
Grants Programs Director
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20472

RE: EMW-2014-FH-00482

Dear Mr. Kamoie:

I am writing to express my support for the funding application referenced above submitted by the City of Poughkeepsie Fire Department (PFD).

As you may be aware, the demand placed upon PFD has increased significantly. The rehabilitation of old structures along with new construction in the City has created a challenging and dangerous environment for first responders. Unfortunately, the PFD has lost ten paid positions over the last five years due to retirement and attrition. Current staffing is below the standards prescribed by the National Fire Protection Association, with only ten firefighters per shift responding to first alarm fires.

Award of this application will allow the PFD to strengthen and improve its staffing levels, and in doing so ensure that the City and surrounding region remain safe. It is worth noting that the City of Poughkeepsie is being considered for Promise Zone designation by the Executive Branch, and once awarded the designation, the City will be able to further its mission to improve the safety, security, and well-being of its employees and citizens alike. Your assistance is desperately needed so that this thriving metropolis can continue to prosper in a safe and effective fashion.

Therefore, I fully support the Poughkeepsie Fire Department's application and urge your serious consideration of this important approach to fire prevention. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Assistant Chief of Staff, Joseph Donat, at (845) 561-1295 or via e-mail at Joseph.Donat@mail.house.gov. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please keep my office informed about this opportunity during the awards process.

Sincerely,



Sean Patrick Maloney
Member of Congress
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