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February 12, 2018

Mr. Thomas DiNanno
Acting Assistant Administrator
US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management, Grants Programs
400 C Street, SW
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Dear Mr. DiNanno:

It has recently come to my attention that the Ville Platte Fire Department is applying for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. They are requesting \$690,950 for the purchase of a ladder truck under application EMW-2017-FV-00288.

The Ville Platte Fire Department plans to use the funds to replace their thirty-six year old, single cab, 50 foot ladder truck. The current truck, built in 1982, has become unreliable. They believe a new truck will greatly improve their ability to respond.

I am thankful for FEMA's consideration in securing funding for this worthwhile project. I ask that you please keep my office informed on the progress of this proposal as well as when a final decision has been made regarding this grant. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Eby in my Baton Rouge Office at (225) 929-7711.

Sincerely,



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February 14, 2018

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Dear Mr. DiNanno:

It has recently come to my attention that the Opelousas Fire Department is applying for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. They are requesting \$315,764 for the purchase of an exhaust removal system and radios under application EMW-2017-FO-00259.

The Opelousas Fire Department plans to use the funds to purchase forty P25 portable radios and eighteen P25 mobile radios. The Department currently uses cheap radios that are not compatible with the State of Louisiana Interoperability Communications Plan. They believe these radios will improve operations and reduce response times. In addition, the Department plans to purchase an exhaust removal system to reduce their emissions.

I am thankful for FEMA's consideration in securing funding for this worthwhile project. I ask that you please keep my office informed on the progress of this proposal as well as when a final decision has been made regarding this grant. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Eby in my Baton Rouge Office at (225) 929-7711.

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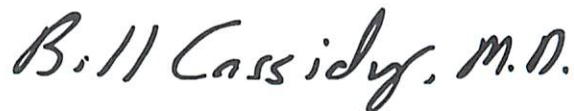
Dear Mr. DiNanno:

It has recently come to my attention that the Springhill Fire District #11 is applying for funding from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. They are requesting \$92,800 for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) under application EMW-2017-FO-00722 .

The Springhill Fire District #11 plans to use the funds to purchase thirty-two sets of PPE. While the department currently has thirty-eight firefighters, they only have six sets of complete, matching, NFPA compliant PPE, and eight sets of 17 year old, non-compliant, damaged PPE. With the purchase of thirty-two sets of PPE, the District would be able to properly outfit all of their personnel. They believe this will greatly improve their operations and safety for their personnel.

I am thankful for FEMA's consideration in securing funding for this worthwhile project. I ask that you please keep my office informed on the progress of this proposal as well as when a final decision has been made regarding this grant. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Eby in my Baton Rouge Office at (225) 929-7711.

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