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Mr. Christopher Logan
Assistant Administrator for Grant Programs
Grant Programs Directorate
U.S. Department of Homeland Security / FEMA
400 C Street SW, 3N
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Mr. Logan,

I write in regards to the Flatrock Volunteer Fire Department's (Flatrock VFD) application for funding through the Assistance to Firefighter Grants program. Funding would be used to replace equipment that is nearly thirty years old, and I am in support of their application.

Similar to communities across the country, West Virginians rely on their local fire departments and ambulatory services for protection and emergency response. Previously, as Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Committee's Homeland Security Subcommittee, I have worked to ensure the men and women who serve in these departments have the equipment necessary to do their jobs effectively and safely.

Flatrock VFD is a critical line of response in Mason County, West Virginia, which only has one fire department per approximately forty miles, each serving over 2,000 residents. Should funding be awarded, Flatrock VFD will purchase new battery rescue tools, air bags, rescue jacks, and cribbing. Existing equipment is well-past its useful life, and in dire need of replacement.

Our first responders are willing to put their lives on the line to protect our communities every day, and we owe them a great debt of gratitude for this. Ensuring that emergency service departments can access critical resources that allow them to respond to incidents in the most safe and efficient manner is the best way that we can support these brave West Virginians. I hope you will give their application your full consideration.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator