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**Re: The Town of Millbury's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Application –
EMW-2017-FV-01380**

Dear Mr. Kamoie,

I am writing in strong support of the Millbury Fire Department's (MFD) application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. If awarded, MFD will replace a front line class A pumper.

It is my understanding that a significant need would be left unmet without the assistance from the AFG program. Engine 3, which is 21 years old, is showing a number of distinctive deficiencies as a result of its age. The chassis was built for commercial purposes and therefore is showing significant signs of wear and tear due to the weight of the fire equipment which it was not built to withstand. In addition to the chassis, I am told that the braking system has needed work over the years due to the amount of weight the Engine carries. As you know, the fire engine's water tank is essential to firefighting. MFD has had issues with the water tank gauge, as well as debris falling off inside the tank. Finally, MFD has experienced electrical issues over the years due to the nature of emergency lights and other equipment that have come online in the last 21 years. Repairing all of these issues would place a significant burden on the Town and its residents.

Engine 3 is one of four pumpers that the MFD utilizes to protect the town's 13,000+ residents. It's the first due for all of East Millbury and protects thousands of motorists on the Mass Pike, Route 20 and MBTA rail line of Massachusetts.

Thank you for your review of Millbury Fire Department's application. I respectfully request that you give it your full and fair consideration. If you have any questions or should I be of further assistance in this process please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



James P. McGovern
Member of Congress

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