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Dear Mr. Logan,

I am proud to support the Hudson (N.H.) Fire Department in its application to the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. The Hudson Fire Department is operated by dedicated fire personnel, and their sacrifice and hard work pays valuable dividends to the surrounding communities. I encourage you to provide the necessary aid so that they may continue to provide lifesaving services to the people of Hudson and surrounding communities.

In order to provide the proper support and safety to the Hudson community, the Department is in need of 36 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Currently, the Department is operating under hazardous conditions with out of the appropriate compliance equipment. With the increasing fire-related cancer rates and risk to fire personnel, it is a top priority to receive funding from the AFG program. The Hudson Fire Department has responded to more than 700 calls in the past two years, requiring personnel to use the SCBA equipment. The receipt of these funds will have a direct impact on the safety of the firefighters, creating a healthy and safer environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions you may reach out to Melanie Spears from my office. She can be reached at <a href="Melanie.Spears@mail.house.gov">Melanie.Spears@mail.house.gov</a> or (603) 226-1002.

Sincerely,

Ann McLane Kuster Member of Congress