

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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DHS-FEMA-GPD

Attn: Assistant Administrator Brian Kamoie
400 C Street S.W., 3N
Washington, DC 20472-3635

Dear Assistant Administrator Kamoie,

I write to support the application from the Town of Londonderry for funds from the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program. Support from SAFER would permit the Department to add more firefighters to serve a community that is experiencing extensive population and commercial growth.

The Londonderry Fire/Rescue Department (LFD) is staffed with a mix of full-time and on-call staff who provide fire prevention and suppression, emergency medical services, haz-mat and technical rescue services to a first-due response area of 42 square miles. This area includes critical infrastructure like the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport and six miles of Interstate 93 as well as 10 million square feet of commercial/industrial space and over 9,000 dwellings. Since 2010, the town has witnessed a 7.4% increase in total population and a considerable expansion of its industrial footprint. Such rapid growth has led to a 27% rise in total call volume and a 211% increase in building fires in the past five years. Firefighters of LFD are finding it difficult to fulfill this increasing demand for services.

With support from SAFER, the Town of Londonderry will be able to sufficiently staff its three fire stations within the town in a manner that meets standards set by the National Fire Protection Association. This is critical considering the town anticipates continued growth with the planned expansion of Interstate 93, the construction of a new multi-family development and a 700-acre mixed-use development. More staff at LFD will enhance response capabilities and improve the safety of both the firefighters of Londonderry and the citizens of the region.

I support the Town of Londonderry in its application for SAFER grant funding and urge your serious consideration of its proposal. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Jarvis from my staff at (603) 647-7500. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator