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The Honorable Dan Reitz
Illinois State Representative
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Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Representative Reitz,

I am writing to you today in hopes of getting a letter of support for my fire department in relation to the FIRE Act grant program that is currently open with the United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It is through this grant program that several fire departments across the nation will be able to purchase much needed equipment to allow them to better serve their respective communities.

The Sparta Fire Department is in need of turn-out gear, self-contained breathing apparatus, pagers, and radios. Should the Sparta Fire Department be fortunate enough to get approved, we will become fully compliant with NFPA and OSHA regulations. We will have better, more technically advanced and up-to-date equipment, and therefore will be able to serve our citizens safer and more efficiently. As a result, we are currently applying for a total of \$147,580 worth of much needed equipment.

Again, it is the Sparta Fire Department's hope that a letter of support can be sent on your behalf. If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me personally. Thank you for your time, support, and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rob Soderlund
Fire Chief
Sparta Fire Department