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The Honorable Robert J. Fenton Jr. Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 C Street, SW, Room 8 SW Washington, DC 20472

Re: FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Dear Acting Administrator Fenton:

I write in support of the application for the FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant application submitted by the San José Fire Department (SJFD).

The San José Fire Department serves the tenth largest city in the United States and is the emergency service provider for several high-hazard occupancies, including two airports, seven major hospitals, San José State University, two community colleges, super-regional malls, and the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Each year the SJFD responds to more than 90,000 emergencies, more than 60 percent of which are emergency medical services (EMS) responses. On more than 90 percent of these EMS responses, cardiac monitor/ defibrillators are utilized for patient assessment and to perform pacing, cardioversion, and defibrillation for serious cardiac emergencies. AFG funding would allow SJFD to update the medical devices currently used in such emergencies, which are discontinued and that have parts for repair that will soon no longer be available for purchase if a unit fails.

Given the importance of the services provided by the San José Fire Department and the critical nature of their equipment, I hope that you will give their application full and fair consideration, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

Zoe Lofgren

Member of Congress