## Congress of the United States Mashington, DC 20515

October 4, 2022

Deanne Criswell Administrator Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 C Street SW Washington, DC 20472

Re: FEMA Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant

Dear Administrator Long,

I am writing to express my support of the Haverhill Fire Department's (HFD) 2022 application for funding through FEMA's Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant program.

The HFD is a full-time department which serves a community of over 60,000 residents, workers and visitors and provides those services over an area of more than thirty-four (34) square miles. The HFD works tirelessly to provide these services and respond to emergencies twenty-four (24) hours a day, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year. Those services extend beyond firefighting and include building inspections, code enforcement, fire investigations, student and elder fire education, and emergency responses such as medical emergencies, hazardous material response, and water and ice rescue.

As all of America's first responders continue to recover after the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that the organizations have enough funding to support a full staff to keep every worker healthy. I hope you will favorably consider the Haverhill Fire Department's application for SAFER grant funding which would provide resources to improve the safety and wellbeing of the brave firefighters and staff who risk their lives every day to protect and serve the public. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at <a href="mailto:lori.trahan@mail.house.gov">lori.trahan@mail.house.gov</a> or call 978-459-0101.

Sincerely,

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