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Christopher Logan
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security / FEMA
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Dear Mr. Logan,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the SAFER Grant application submitted by the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CapCOG).


The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CapCOG) was formed in 1970 as the West Shore Council of Governments, changing its name in 2005 to reflect growing membership. It now represents 40 boroughs, cities and townships surrounding the state capital of Harrisburg, and is one of the largest COGs in Pennsylvania. It is also the common thread among the communities served by the 21 fire companies in this SAFER effort.

CapCOG has applied for a SAFER Grant from FEMA to recruit new members to its 21 volunteer fire companies in central Pennsylvania. After surveying the 21 Volunteer Fire Companies that CapCOG oversees, the companies indicated that many long time volunteers were leaving the fire service and that there was a need to recruit new members.

Safety is the main priority for CapCOG, and the 21 Fire Company's they work with, for not only their community but for the volunteers that are providing fire services. If awarded the SAFER Grant these Departments will be able to recruit and train more volunteers and increase the number of firefighters available in their communities.

I respectfully ask that you give the aforementioned application all due consideration, and I thank you for your attention to this request. Please direct your acknowledgement to my Grants Coordinator, Andrea Raffle, via email at Andrea_Raffle@Toomey.Senate.Gov.

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey
U.S. Senator