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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 21, 2010

Mr. Timothy W. Manning, Deputy Administrator  
DHS/FEMA/National Preparedness Directorate  
500 C Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20472

**RE: *The City of Warren, Ohio SAFER grant application***

Dear Mr. Manning:

As the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency considers applications for the Staffing for Adequate and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant program, I would like to bring to your attention a request submitted by the City of Warren's Fire Department.

Faced with tough economic challenges, the city laid off 11 firefighters and lost 10 more to retirement in 2009, resulting in a 30 percent loss of manpower. The Warren Fire Department's proposal seeks to hire and/or reinstate 21 firefighters to meet NFPA, OSHA and local standards. These staffing levels are crucial for the adequate protection of the more than 43,000 residents of the City of Warren, the 22<sup>nd</sup> largest city in the State of Ohio.

Please give serious consideration to the fire department's application for funding. I ask that you keep my office informed on the status of this application.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown  
United States Senator

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