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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. W. Ross Ashley, III
Assistant Administrator of Grant Programs Directorate DHS/FEMA
Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program
Tech World Bldg - South Tower 5th Floor
500 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20472

RE: EMW-2009-FP-00421

Dear Mr. Ashley:

It is my pleasure to support Ohio University (OU) in its efforts to secure funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency's Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program.

If awarded, funding will be used to purchase and install Safe-T-Sensors™ on each of the residence hall's microwave ovens. Food burned in microwave ovens puts OU students in jeopardy, and places demands on the Athen's County Fire Department due to excessive false alarms or nuisance calls.

It is my hope that Ohio University will be provided an opportunity to protect the students living on campus, and eliminate false alarms which can occupy the Athen's County Fire Department's resources.

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

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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