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March 5, 2024

The Honorable Scott Franklin
249 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Re: Support for the "Fire Grants and Safety Act" (H.R. 4090)

Dear Representative Franklin:

On behalf of Polk County, I write to urge you to ensure that the Fire Grants and Safety Act (H.R. 4090) is included in the FY-2024 appropriations package. This bill must become law without further delay before vital fire service grant programs expire.

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The Honorable Laurel Lee
1118 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

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The Honorable Darren Soto
2353 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

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The Honorable Daniel Webster
2184 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Re: Support for the "Fire Grants and Safety Act" (H.R. 4090)

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The Honorable Marco Rubio
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Re: Support for the "Fire Grants and Safety Act" (S.870)

Dear Senator Rubio:

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The Honorable Rick Scott
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

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