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Ms. Elizabeth M. Harman, Assistant Administrator  
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Dear Assistant Administrator Harman,

I am providing this letter of support for Tacoma Fire and Rescue request for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant (EMW-2011-FH-01075).

In 2012 Tacoma Fire and Rescue is requesting the SAFER grant to retain the 37 firefighters that are facing an imminent lay off due to severe budget cuts to the City of Tacoma's General Fund. The SAFER grant would provide wages and benefits to the 37 firefighters for a period of 24 months.

I ask that you give Tacoma Fire and Rescue every consideration in their application for the SAFER grant. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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