



NORTH EAST JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

September 28, 2018

Honorable Pamela Helming
New York State Senator, 54th Senate District
425 Exchange Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Senator Pamela A. Helming,

I am writing this correspondence on behalf of your constituents who reside in the 54th Senate District and the Webster volunteer firefighters who valiantly serve the residents of the 54th Senate District. The mission statement of the North East Joint Fire District reads, *"The Principal Mission of the North East Joint Fire District is to Provide Protection of Life, Property, and Environment from the Adverse Effects of Fire, Medical, and Hazardous Conditions. This Mission is Accomplished Through Excellence in Organizational Management, Sustained Training, Progressive Education, and Constant Diligence to Provide the Highest Level of Response and Customer Service. Distinguished Integrity Shall be the Benchmark of the Organization."*

Providing emergency services to our community and providing our volunteer firefighters from the Webster Volunteer Fire Department with the safest personal protective equipment available does not come without cost. The Board of Fire Commissioners is constantly balancing the process of providing this essential safety equipment while maintaining a reasonable and tolerable fire protection tax rate. Your recent efforts in securing a New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Public Safety Grant for the North East Joint Fire District has been extremely helpful in accomplishing our mission. These grant funds were utilized to procure updated self-contained breathing apparatus air cylinders. These SCBA breathing air cylinders will provide our volunteer firefighters with the essential equipment they need to safely provide fire protection services to our citizens.

On behalf of our citizens, volunteer firefighters and the Board of Fire Commissioners I again thank you and your diligent staff for your continued support and commitment to our volunteer first responders.

Yours in Service,

Steven C. Small
Executive Director

