



**Letter of Support for Congressional Community Project Funding
South Metro Fire Rescue – Regional Air & Light Support Unit**

The Honorable Jason Crow U.S. House of Representatives 1323 Longworth House Building Washington D.C. 20515	The Honorable John Hickenlooper U.S. Senate 374 Russell Senate Building Washington D.C. 20510	The Honorable Michael Bennet U.S. Senate 374 Russell Senate Building Washington D.C. 20510
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Dear Congressman Crow, Senator Hickenlooper, and Senator Bennet,

I am writing to express strong support for South Metro Fire Rescue’s request for federal funding to acquire a Regional Air and Light Support Unit to enhance emergency response capabilities across the Denver metropolitan area.

This specialized apparatus will provide on-scene breathing-air refilling for firefighters and large-scale scene lighting during extended emergency incidents, including major structure fires, technical rescues, and disaster responses. The unit will allow firefighters and rescue teams to safely sustain operations in hazardous environments where air supply and adequate lighting are critical to protecting both responders and the public.

Importantly, this resource will serve not only South Metro Fire Rescue but also mutual-aid partners throughout the region, including communities across Douglas, Arapahoe, and Jefferson counties and adjacent jurisdictions. During large-scale emergencies, fire departments across the Denver metro area rely on shared resources to ensure rapid and effective response. This apparatus will strengthen regional coordination and help ensure first responders have the equipment needed to protect residents, homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure.

As the Denver metropolitan area continues to grow, the demand for complex emergency response and sustained incident operations has increased significantly. Funding this project will improve firefighter safety, enhance regional disaster preparedness, and help ensure communities across the region receive the highest level of emergency protection.

For these reasons, we strongly support South Metro Fire Rescue’s request and respectfully urge your consideration of this important public safety investment.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to protecting Colorado communities.

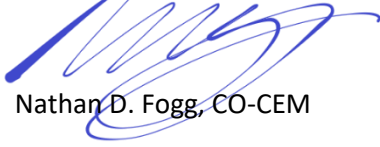


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Sincerely,



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