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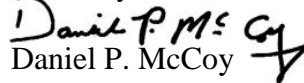
Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

In coordination with local departments, the Sheriff's Office Fire Coordinator and the County Legislature, three high priority and high urgency needs for local volunteer fire departments have been identified. The funding of these projects will ensure personnel are well prepared for their duties, as well as assist in recruitment and retention of volunteers, which continues to be a major challenge.

The Town of Colonie, Town of Guilderland and hilltown departments are in desperate need of financial support to close the gap, in combination with local and state funds, to complete the upgrades to their training facilities. We are requesting authorization to appropriate these funds from the Albany County Improvement Initiative so they can begin the projects. A member of my office will be available at your committee meeting to answer any of your questions.

Sincerely,


Daniel P. McCoy

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Majority Counsel
Minority Counsel