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Ms. Amy Hultman, Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Hultman:

The Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs considers Firefighter Safety to be the highest priority of the Fire Service. The elimination of Firefighter fatalities and the reduction of Firefighter injuries are at the forefront of the goals of our Division.

The IAFC initiative known as the "Near Miss Program" presents the Fire Service with a unique and credible opportunity to conduct a program that will have a pronounced effect on the reduction of Firefighter deaths and injuries. We have reviewed the goals and objectives of that program and heartily endorse the program and the direction which you have provided for the program.

On behalf of the Eastern Division, our Board of Directors and our more than 2,500 members, I am pleased to inform you that the Eastern Division proudly endorses the "Near Miss Program". We would be most pleased to allow you the use of our name and logo as a supporter of the program and we would be equally pleased to offer our support in any way you feel we may be of assistance.

Congratulations on a great start to your program and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely

William Askenstedt

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Secretary Treasurer

CC: President Cohan and Board of Directors via email