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AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MRS. LOWEY OF NEW YORK AND MR. WELCH OF VERMONT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4847

In section 4, add at the end the following new subsection:

1 (e) INCREASED FUNDS FOR STATE FIRE TRAINING
2 SYSTEM GRANTS.—

3 (1) GRANT AMOUNT.—

4 (A) BASE AMOUNT.—No State Fire Train-
5 ing System grant shall be less than 1 percent
6 of the amount appropriated under this sub-
7 section.

8 (B) PROPORTIONAL AMOUNT.—The Sec-
9 retary of Homeland Security, acting through
10 the Superintendent of the National Fire Acad-
11 emy, shall determine any additional grant
12 amount based on the population of the State re-
13 ceiving the grant.

14 (2) GRANT PURPOSES.—The purposes for which
15 a State Fire Training System grant may be used in-
16 clude—

17 (A) the Chief Officer Training Course;

1 (B) costs associated with maintaining ade-
2 quate personnel levels at fire stations when first
3 responders are sent to training; and

4 (C) reimbursing a State for costs associ-
5 ated with training first responders from other
6 States.

7 (3) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more
8 than 3 percent of the amount appropriated under
9 this subsection shall be used by the National Fire
10 Academy for administrative expenses.

11 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
12 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
13 this subsection \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years
14 2009 through 2012.