

November 11, 2018

Dear Commissioner Ford,

On this day, we celebrate the unwavering commitment and service of all the men and women and fought who served in the United States military forces. As a firefighter with over 35 years of service, you have also exemplified commitment to the City of Chicago and the mission of serving those in need. I have honorably served as a combat noncommissioned officer in the United States Air Force and Army with over 20 years of public service including Illinois State Police and Chicago Fire Department (CFD). It is my calling as a public servant to care for those in need at their most vulnerable and serve as a pillar of hope for my community.

Recently, I have experienced obstacles difficult to overcome given the sometimes biased and unfair practices in CFD. I am writing this letter to seek your support in my quest to continue my calling as a Chicago firefighter by raising awareness of my case so as to influence necessary officials with the outcome of me serving again as a Chicago Firefighter.

We have a common mission, as experienced public servants to serve the most vulnerable. We have sacrificed our time, efforts, and lives for the safety of others. With your support, I will serve again as a Chicago Firefighter soon. I would like to be given the opportunity to sit with you to discuss my experiences with the ultimate goal to be a role model for those that have none to follow. Together, we can achieve a greater impact and increased transparency not only to the Chicago Fire Department but also this great diverse city called the City of Chicago.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards." I am available anytime and I look forward to the opportunity to speak with you soon.

Respectfully,