



United States House of Representatives

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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to extend my warm greetings to the Mineola Junior Fire Department's host, the Stellingen-Hamburg Jugendfeuerwehr.

We are grateful to our gracious host country, Germany as they welcome the Mineola Junior Fire Department. We are also thankful to the German government, firefighters, parents and corporate partners for all of their hard work to ensure a safe, educational, and enjoyable experience.

The partnership between the Stellingen-Hamburg Junior Fire Brigade and the Mineola Junior Fire Department, initiated by Michael Schueller from Stellingen and Bill Gresalfi from Mineola continues, is one that I am sure will last for years come.

These junior fire departments have made great strides through their willingness to learn about the others culture. So, I am sure this visit will be one of the more special experiences in the lives of both Junior Fire Departments.

Again, I wish you a safe trip and continued camaraderie between the two fire houses.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN McCARTHY  
Member of Congress