

September 14, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Madam Speaker, and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, representing more than 450,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers and executives, we write to urge you to address the critical need to provide an additional \$3 billion in funding for the World Trade Center Health Program. We further request that this funding—which is included in S. 2683/H.R. 4965, the “9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Corrections Act”—be included in any must-pass legislation Congress considers this year.

For the men and women we represent, this is not the first time that we have had to ask Congress to come together in support of the tens of thousands of first responders who are suffering from 9/11-related illnesses. We were on Capitol Hill in the early 2000s urging Congress to pass the original James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which established the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP) and reopened the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund (VCF). Though we lost many members to 9/11-related health conditions in the intervening years, we returned in 2015 and again in 2019 to push for permanent reauthorizations of the WTCHP and VCF, respectively. Collectively, these measures ensure that those who are sick and those who were exposed to the deadly cocktail of toxins at Ground Zero, Shanksville, and the Pentagon could find the support and assistance they need.

While the WTCHP has operated as Congress intended, the simple fact is that a confluence of external factors such as inflation in medical costs have put at risk funding for the health monitoring and treatment services the Program provides. In the coming years, this will result in the needs of the WTCHP exceeding the funding formula written into law. If left unaddressed, the WTCHP will be forced to cut services and will be unable to continue providing the same level and standard of care required to treat the myriad health conditions and cancers with which our members must now contend. Any such reduction in current operations due to congressional inaction would be an insult to the thousands of law enforcement heroes who answered the call 21 years ago in response to the worst terrorist attack in our nation’s history.

For these reasons, the undersigned organizations strongly urge you to expedite consideration of this additional funding and send it to the President as quickly as possible. We stand ready to work with you to do just that.

Sincerely,

Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association  
Major Cities Chiefs Association  
National Association of Police Organizations  
National Treasury Employees Union  
Sergeants Benevolent Association NYPD  
Florida Police Benevolent Association

FBI Agents Association  
Major County Sheriffs of America  
National Sheriffs’ Association  
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Fort Worth Police Officers Association

Las Vegas Police Managers and  
Supervisors Association  
Massachusetts Coalition of Police  
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Dear Senator:

We the undersigned organizations, representing more than 450,000 law enforcement officers and executives, write to urge you to cosponsor S. 2683, the “9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act.” This important legislation is a priority for our groups, and would prevent a funding shortfall in the World Trade Center Health Program, which supports healthcare services for those first responders and others struggling with 9/11-related health conditions.

This week, our nation pauses to honor the nearly 3,000 men, women, and children who lost their lives in the air and on the ground in the most heinous terrorist attack in our nation’s history. The anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup> also brings with it a strong reminder that the toll of those attacks continues to be felt in communities across this country. In the wake of the attacks, thousands of law enforcement officers from across the U.S. aided in the rescue and recovery efforts that followed.

Now 21 years later, the scope of the 9/11 health crisis is staggering. Nearly 120,000 individuals are currently receiving medical monitoring or treatment services from the WTCHP, including 84,000 first responders to Ground Zero, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, PA. More than 16,000 of these responders have been diagnosed with, and 1,300 have died from, at least one certified WTC-related cancer. In addition, nearly 2,000 participants in the WTCHP have been diagnosed with seven or more certified WTC health conditions.

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The “9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act” will ensure the continuation of the WTCHP’s important work on behalf our nation’s first responders. The legislation also makes important changes to improve the ability of the WTCHP to certify both health care providers and WTC-related health conditions, as well as increasing funding for research activities. For these reasons, the undersigned organizations request your cosponsorship of S. 2683.

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