



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senate
478 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the more than 3,000 elected sheriffs nationwide, I write in support of S.3591, the "Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) Act". We believe that this bill is both necessary and vitally important to honor our country's law enforcement officers, many of who continue to suffer from the health effects of a 9/11 related illness.

On September 11th, 2001 law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to protect and serve their communities after this horrific attack. To date, the number of law enforcement officers who have died of a 9/11-related health condition has more than surpassed the 72 officers who fell on duty on 9/11 itself. This legislation seeks to accomplish our goal of permanently reauthorizing the Victim Compensation Fund and fully compensating the brave men and women who served in 9/11.

The National Sheriffs' Association strongly supports your commitment to honor these heroes. We believe this bill is a step in the right direction that is needed to further support of our nation's law enforcement officers, and their families.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Thompson
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