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## FLEOA Urges Passage of Clean 9/11 VCF Reauthorization Legislation

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Washington, D.C.—Nathan Catura, National President of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), issued the following statement regarding H.R. 1327, legislation to reauthorize the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund.

**“The 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund (VCF) reauthorization legislation is coming up for a vote next Tuesday, July 23, 2019. Presently, the VCF is underfunded and first responders injured during the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York, the Pentagon, and in Shanksville are unable to receive their rightful compensation for the injuries they sustained answering the call to duty,”** Catura explained.

**“Until a few days ago, the Senate was poised to unanimously pass the bill. Unfortunately, Senator Rand Paul (KY) and Senator Mike Lee (UT) stalled the bill on the objection that the price was too high. To Senator Paul and Senator Lee, we say, for those who were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice, the price is never too high,”** Catura noted. **“On Tuesday, both Senators will offer poison pill amendments that could kill the bill. FLEOA and many other law enforcement groups are outraged by this. We encourage all Senators to vote NO on both the Senator Paul and Senator Lee poison pill amendments. Our heroes deserve more than party politics.”**

Catura concluded, **“The first responders to the 9/11 attacks risked their lives without question. They stormed crumbling buildings with no second thought. Many continue to deal with the health implications of their commitment to public service and security. For members of Congress to step back on their promise to protect the health of these heroes is disappointing, upsetting, and unnecessary. America pledged to never forget. Congress must remember that pledge.”**

FLEOA has requested our 27,000 strong membership call their Senator's office and ask them to vote NO on the Paul amendment, NO on the Lee amendment, and YES on the passage of H.R. 1327 as is. We are also calling on all residents of Kentucky and Utah to contact Senator Paul and Lee and ask them to withdraw their amendments and support the original bill.

FLEOA is the nation's largest non-partisan, not-for-profit professional association representing more than 27,000 federal law enforcement officers and agents across 65 federal agencies.

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