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Honorable Carolyn Maloney
US House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Maloney,

We write to you today with our strong support for H.R. 4965, the *9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act*, which would extend funding for the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP). This extra funding is needed due to the current funding formula exceeding what is required to handle the treatment of 9/11 health issues of responders who live in every state and in 434 out of 435 Congressional Districts.

As we prepare to commemorate 20 years since the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, no one could have foreseen the lasting impacts that attack would have not only on our nation but also on the individuals who heroically responded to it and handled the almost yearlong recovery effort. Few other incidents faced by our nation have had this level of effect on the lives of the people most directly impacted by it. It is startling that in a recent study out of Mt. Sinai, which is one of the 9/11 WTCHP Centers of Excellence, found that among the 29,000 participants in the WTCHP, responders had a thyroid cancer risk more than double that of the general population, the risk of leukemia is 41% higher, prostate cancer was 25% higher and overall cancer risk 9% higher than the general population while melanoma skin cancer had become the third most prevalent cancer among responders.

The funding formula change provided for in this legislation ensures that in the coming years, the WTCHP would have sufficient funds to provide the care needed for all those still suffering the physical and mental impacts of 9/11. This includes both responders and survivors who are experiencing newly diagnosed 9/11-associated cancers caused by their toxic exposures.

We would encourage the Congress to rapidly pass this bill prior to the 20th commemoration of the 9/11 attacks this coming September 11, 2021 so that the responders and survivors battling 9/11 related health issues don't have to be concerned that our nation, which promised to "never forget," doesn't.

FLEOA looks forward to working with you to pass this imperative legislation and is available to provide any additional assistance. Feel free to contact us at fleoa@fleoa.org.

Sincerely,
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CC: House Energy and Commerce Committee