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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senate
478 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

JOHN A. FLYNN

Vice President
Police Benevolent
Association of New York City

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

CRAIG LALLY

Recording Secretary
Los Angeles Police
Protective League

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the nation, I am writing to you to express our full support for S. 2683, the 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN

Treasurer
Massachusetts Coalition
of Police

This Saturday marks the 20th anniversary of the deadliest terrorist attack on our nation's soil. As we remember those who died on September 11, 2001, we also must recognize those we continue to lose as the lasting effects of that day make themselves known. We have lost more federal, state and local law enforcement officers from 9/11-related illnesses over the past 20 years than we lost on September 11, 2001. Unfortunately, those numbers are only expected to rise as 9/11 responders and survivors are still battling serious health crises resulting from exposure to the toxins at Ground Zero.

MARC KOVAR

Sergeant-at-Arms
New Jersey State Policemen's
Benevolent Association

NAPO fought hard for the passage of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act in 2010 and its reauthorization in 2015 to ensure our nation took care of the victims and first responders who are coping with 9/11-related chronic health conditions. James Zadroga, a New York City Police Department Detective and member of NAPO, died of respiratory disease caused by his exposure to toxic chemicals during rescue and recovery efforts at Ground Zero.

SCOTT LEETON

Executive Secretary
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MARK YOUNG

Vice President,
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Detroit Police Lieutenants &
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In 2015, Congress, recognizing the importance of this program, reauthorized the World Trade Center Health Program until 2090. Unfortunately, this has proven to not be enough as the reauthorization imposed yearly spending caps tied to inflation only as measured by the Consumer Price Index and not the historically higher, and faster rising, medical cost inflation. The program now faces a projected funding shortfall starting in 2025 and soon it will not have enough funds to provide care for those 9/11 responders and survivors still suffering the physical and mental impacts of 9/11.

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE

Executive Director and
General Counsel

The 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation. It is our obligation and duty to remember these heroes and ensure that survivors who risked their lives to protect us continue to receive the compensation that they deserve. NAPO stands ready to support any efforts necessary to pass this legislation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson
Executive Director