

SUPPORTING FIRST RESPONDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS



Whether it's potentially drastic cuts to compensation for 9/11 victims and first responders, barriers to mental health services, or challenges to achieving financial stability, too often our first responders, members of law enforcement, servicemembers, and veterans face hurdles to the services they have earned after serving our country and its citizens. In response to these challenges, the Judiciary Committee passed several bipartisan bills that have become law, such as legislation to fully fund and extend the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund for first responders and the residents and workers of Lower Manhattan who developed 9/11-related illnesses.

The Committee also enacted bipartisan legislation to protect servicemembers and veterans who declare bankruptcy, to ensure fairness for veterans who enter the criminal justice system, to track suicides within law enforcement agencies, to facilitate citizenship for children of servicemembers residing abroad, and to provide mental health services to members of law enforcement.

Remembering a hero: On June 11, Luis Alvarez, a retired New York City Police Detective and 9/11 first responder testified before the House Judiciary Committee in support of reauthorizing the Victim Compensation Fund. Tragically, 18 days later, he passed away from liver cancer, which he developed as a result of working for three months at the World Trade Center site, searching for survivors and the remains of 9/11 victims. We honor his memory by continuing to fight and advocate for American heroes like Detective Alvarez.



COMMITTEE WORK

H.R. 1327, the “Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act” [Marked Up, Passed House, LAW]

H.R. 2368/S. 998, the “Supporting and Treating Officers in Crisis (STOIC) Act of 2019” [Marked Up, Passed House, LAW]*

H.R. 2938, the “Honoring American Veterans in Extreme Need Act (HAVEN) Act” [Marked Up, Passed House, LAW]

H.R. 3304, the “National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Extension Act of 2019” [Marked Up, Passed House, LAW]

H.R. 2379, To reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program. [Passed House, LAW]

H.R. 4803, the “Citizenship for Children of Military Members and Civil Servants Act” [Passed House, LAW]

H.R. 1579/S. 693, the “National POW/MIA Flag Act” [Passed House, LAW]*

H.R. 1641/S. 504, the “Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service (LEGIONS) Act” [Passed House, LAW]*

H.R. 3735/S. 2746, the “Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection Act” [Passed House, LAW]*

H.R. 886, the “Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2019” [Marked Up, Passed House, LAW]

H.R. 6509, the “Public Safety Officer Pandemic Response Act of 2020”/ S. 3607, the “Safeguarding America’s First Responders Act of 2020” [Passed House, LAW]*

H.R. 450, the “Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act” of 2019 [Passed House]

Hearing: The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund

Hearing: The Impact of Current Immigration Policies on Service Members and Veterans, and their Families