

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515
December 1, 2006

The Honorable Alberto R. Gonzales
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Gonzales;


Attached are the applications for the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Act of David Sullins, Marvin Bethea, James Dobson, Michael Roberts and Bonnie Giebfried. All were paramedics who responded to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. David Sullins died responding to the attacks. Marvin Bethea, James Dobson, Michael Roberts and Bonnie Giebfried are now permanently disabled as a direct result of their work in response to 9/11.

As the attached applications will demonstrate, these five individuals gave their all on September 11, 2001. They responded to the attacks heroically and unfortunately have sustained permanent disabilities, and in the case of David Sullins, died as a direct result. We ask that as you review these applications, all effort is made to provide whatever assistance is available to these individuals.


One of the truly bright spots on a truly tragic day was the response of all first responders – including this group of five paramedics. Their response on September 11th saved countless lives and their heroism, and the response of thousands of other volunteers from across our nation, demonstrated the resiliency and heart of the American people. They truly were the men and women running towards the Twin Towers as thousands were running the other way. They were selfless in their service to our country, and we ask that you take their heroic acts into consideration as you review their applications.

We appreciate your immediate attention to these applications. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Edward Mills in Rep. Maloney's office at (202) 225-7944.

Sincerely,


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