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**Chairman Shays to Hold September 8 Field Hearing in New York City
on 9/11 Health of Responders and Residents**

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations today announced the Subcommittee will convene an oversight hearing of federally funded programs that register, screen, monitor and treat individuals who were in the vicinity of the World Trade Center (WTC) following the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The hearing, entitled *Progress Since 9/11: Protecting Public Health and Safety of the Responders and Residents*, will take place on Friday, September 8, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium of District Council 37, 125 Barclay Street (Barclay Street and West Side Highway), 1st Floor, New York, New York 10007

"Five years after the cataclysmic attacks on the World Trade Center, shock waves still emanate from Ground Zero. Diverse and delayed health problems continue to emerge in those exposed to the contaminants and psychological stressors unleashed on September 11, 2001. An effective response to that attack, and future terrorist assaults, requires a coordinated, sustained program to monitor, diagnose, research and treat those wounds. The purpose of the hearing is to evaluate what progress has been made to identify, monitor and provide treatment to those in the vicinity of the World Trade Center following the September 11 terrorist attacks," Shays said.

Invited witnesses include Dr. John Howard, from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Government Accountability Office, New York City officials, the Medical Co-Director of the Mount Sinai Selikoff Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and Ground Zero responders and residents.

Witness List

Panel I

Ms. Cynthia Bascetta
Director, Health Care
Government Accountability Office

Mr. Joseph Zadroga
Little Egg Harbor Township, NJ

Mr. Steven Centore
Flanders, New York

Ms. Lea Geonimo
New York, New York

Mr. Lawrence Provost
Virginia Beach, VA

Panel II

John Howard, M.D., M.P.H., J.D.
Director, National Institute for Occupational Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Robin Herbert
Co-Director of the World Trade Center Worker
and Volunteer Medical Screening Program
Mt. Sinai Hospital

Commissioner Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., M.P.H.,
Commissioner
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta
Commissioner
Fire Department of New York

Dr. Joan Reibman
Associate Professor of Medicine
NYU Medical Center
Director, Bellevue Hospital World Trade Center Health Impacts Clinic

