

September, 2009

The Honorable Edolphus Towns
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Towns:

As the President of the Federal Law Enforcement Association (FLEOA), I am writing to offer my support of H.R. 2711 which would benefit the roughly 3,000 FBI special agents I represent.

However, despite the positive impact this bill will would have, FLEOA feels improvements could—and should—be made FLEOA represents over 26,000 federal law enforcement officers across 65 different agencies. As such, I recommend that the care and treatment defined in this bill should be extended to all federal law enforcement officers and their families.

The death of a Federal agent is a tragedy and we should do all we can to help the families of those agents no matter what agency they belong to. This is especially the case given the rise if interagency task forces. For example, a violent gang task force is likely to include DEA agents, FBI agents, and U.S. Marshals. If H.R. 2711 passes unamended, you could have the families of agents killed in the line of duty from the same incident receiving disparate treatment. That is simply not acceptable in my opinion.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you on this issue.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jon Adler
President
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association

