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Support the Strengthening Health Outcomes for Federal First Responders Act

Federal fire investigators—particularly Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Certified Fire Investigators and National Response Team members—are routinely exposed to toxic, carcinogen-filled environments while performing post-fire and explosion investigations. Yet many who develop occupational illnesses face barriers to receiving the health benefits they need.

The *Strengthening Health Outcomes for Federal First Responders Act*, introduced by Rep. Austin Scott (GA-08) and Rep. Jim McGovern (MA-02), addresses this gap by ensuring federal agents and employees who contract job-related illnesses become eligible for necessary health benefits. This bipartisan legislation provides targeted protections for high-risk roles and reflects the realities of the job. With the International Association of Arson Investigators' long-standing partnership with ATF, we know firsthand the risks these professionals face.

Targeted Call to Action: Education & Workforce Committee Outreach

The *Strengthening Health Outcomes for Federal First Responders Act* is now before the House Education and Workforce Committee, making committee outreach critical to the bill's path forward.

IAAI members and chapter leaders are urged to contact committee members now, especially those representing your state or region.

This legislation ensures federal employees, including ATF Certified Fire Investigators, who develop occupational illnesses from toxic or carcinogenic exposure can access needed health benefits.

Through IAAI's long-standing partnership with ATF, we have seen firsthand the risks tied to post-fire and explosion investigations. Those risks should be recognized in federal policy.

Your outreach can help move this bill forward.



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Who to Contact

Prioritize outreach to members of the House Education and Workforce Committee:

Role/Group	Members
Chairman	Rep. Tim Walberg (MI)
Ranking Member	Rep. Bobby Scott (VA)
Key Republican Members	Rep. Kevin Kiley (CA), Rep. Randy Fine (FL), Rep. Rick Allen (GA), Del. James Moylan (GU), Rep. Mary Miller (IL), Rep. Mark Messmer (IN), Rep. James Comer (KY), Rep. Julia Letlow (LA), Rep. Lisa McClain (MI), Rep. Robert Onder (MO), Rep. Virginia Foxx (NC), Rep. Mark Harris (NC), Rep. Elise Stefanik (NY), Rep. Michael Rulli (OH), Rep. Glenn “GT” Thompson (PA), Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (PA), Rep. Joe Wilson (SC), Rep. Burgess Owens (UT), Rep. Michael Baumgartner (WA), Rep. Glenn Grothman (WI)
Key Democratic Members	Rep. Mark Takano (CA), Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (CA), Rep. Joe Courtney (CT), Rep. Jahana Hayes (CT), Rep. Frederica Wilson (FL), Rep. Lucy McBath (GA), Rep. Haley Stevens (MI), Rep. Ilhan Omar (MN), Rep. Alma Adams (NC), Rep. Donald Norcross (NJ), Rep. John Mannion (NY), Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (OR), Rep. Summer Lee (PA), Rep. Greg Casar (TX), Rep. Adelita Grijalva (AZ)

Priority Strategy

- Scan the list for your member of Congress. A letter from a constituent is **always** the most powerful outreach.
- Then reach out to members from your **state**.
- Then contact **committee leadership (Chair and Ranking Member)**.
- Finally, expand outreach to additional committee members.



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How to Contact Them

Step 1: Find the Member

- <https://www.house.gov/representatives>
- Search for the member's name from the list above.

Step 2: Use the Official Contact Page

- Click **“Contact”**
- Use their **email/contact form**
- Locate their **DC office phone number**

Step 3: Call First

- Ask for the staffer handling labor, workforce, or public safety issues.
- If needed, leave a concise message.

Sample Call Script

Hello, my name is [Your Name]. I am a [constituent/member of IAAI] from [City, State].

I'm calling to ask Representative [Last Name] to support the *Strengthening Health Outcomes for Federal First Responders Act*, now before the Education and Workforce Committee.

The bill ensures that federal employees, especially ATF Certified Fire Investigators, who develop occupational illnesses from toxic or carcinogenic exposure can access needed health benefits.

Fire investigators regularly work in hazardous post-fire environments, and the long-term health risks are well documented. IAAI's long-standing partnership with ATF gives us direct insight into these impacts.

I respectfully ask Representative [Last Name] to support this bill and help move it out of committee.

Thank you for your time.



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Step 4: Follow Up with Email

- Reference your call (for example, “I called earlier today...”).
- Keep the message short and specific.

Sample Email

Dear Representative [Last Name],

I am writing to urge your support for the *Strengthening Health Outcomes for Federal First Responders Act*, now under consideration by the House Education and Workforce Committee.

This bill closes a critical gap by ensuring that federal employees who develop occupational illnesses from toxic or carcinogenic exposure can access needed health benefits, including protections for ATF Certified Fire Investigators.

Fire investigators work in hazardous post-fire environments where exposure to harmful substances is unavoidable, creating serious long-term health risks.

Through IAAI’s long-standing partnership with ATF, we have direct insight into these risks and their impact on those who serve in this role.

As a member of the Education and Workforce Committee, your support is important to advancing this legislation. I respectfully ask you to support the bill and help move it forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your City, State]

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