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Call to Action To Support the Strengthening Health Outcomes for Federal First Responders Act May 2026

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.

Please contact your Members of Congress today and urge them to support this critical legislation.

How to Contact Your Members of Congress

1. Find your U.S. Representative (House):

- Go to: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>
- Enter your ZIP code
- Click your Representative's name

2. What to do next:

- Use the **contact form** on the Congressional website for email outreach (Sample email follows)
- Call the **DC office** for immediate impact (Sample script follows)
- Follow up with a second touchpoint within a week

Sample Email Outreach:

Subject: Support the Strengthening Health Outcomes for Federal First Responders Act

Dear [Representative Last Name],

I am writing to urge you to support the Strengthening Health Outcomes for Federal First Responders Act, introduced by Representatives Austin Scott (GA-08) and Jim McGovern (MA-02).

Federal fire investigators, including Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Certified Fire Investigators and National Response Team members, are routinely exposed to hazardous, toxic, and carcinogen-filled environments as part of their duties. These exposures create significant long-term health risks, yet many who develop occupational illnesses face challenges in qualifying for the health benefits they need and deserve.

This bipartisan legislation is a critical step forward. It ensures that federal agents who contract occupational illnesses due to job-related exposures are eligible for necessary health benefits. It also provides targeted protections for high-risk roles, recognizing the unique dangers faced by fire investigators.

The International Association of Arson Investigators has maintained a long-standing partnership with ATF, and through that collaboration, we have seen firsthand the risks these professionals encounter in the field. Supporting this bill is a meaningful way to ensure those who investigate fires and protect our communities are not left behind when it comes to their own health.

I respectfully ask that you support and advocate for the passage of this important legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your City, State]

Sample Phone Script

Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I am a constituent from [City, State].

I am calling to ask [Representative Last Name] to support the Strengthening Health Outcomes for Federal First Responders Act, introduced by Representatives Austin Scott and Jim McGovern.

This bill ensures that federal agents and employees—especially ATF Certified Fire Investigators and National Response Team members—who develop occupational illnesses from toxic exposures are eligible for the health benefits they need.

Fire investigators face repeated exposure to hazardous and carcinogenic environments, and this legislation provides targeted protections that reflect those risks.

Please let the Representative know that supporting this bill is important to the critical work of federal agents, including the Certified Fire Investigators and National Response Team members with ATF. Thank you for your time.