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The Hon. Christopher Shays  
Chairman, Subcommittee on National Security,  
Emerging Threats and International Relations  
Committee on Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
B-372 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

We write in strong support of H.R. 5017, a bill to ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. We commend you and Rep. Carolyn Maloney for your outstanding leadership in support of the 9/11 Commission's recommendations to make our country safer and more secure.

H.R. 5017 represents a comprehensive approach to carry out each of the recommendations of the Commission. The bill uses a variety of legislative tools to both change the law and to concentrate the attention of the Executive branch to implement what the Commission recommended. H.R. 5017 focuses on urgent unfinished business before the Nation, and deserves the strong support of Members of Congress.

We are pleased to work with you on behalf of H.R. 5017 and look forward to testifying in support of this important legislation.

With best regards,



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Former Chair  
9/11 Commission



Lee H. Hamilton  
Former Vice Chair  
9/11 Commission

cc: Rep. Maloney