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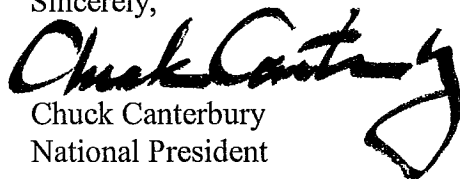
Dear Senator Schumer,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to offer our strong support for your recent statements that the Federal government, not the taxpayers of New York, should bear the cost of the trials of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Ramzi Binalshibh, Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi, Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali and Walid Bin Attash for their complicity in the attacks on the United States in September 2001.

The FOP, especially our members in the great State of New York, strongly agree with you that the costs of this trial, which are estimated to exceed the initial figure of \$75 million, should be an entirely separate line item in the 2010 fiscal year appropriations. To force the State or City of New York to divert their own or other Federal funds to pay for the security and other costs associated with this trial is simply not sound public policy. These criminals have been and continue to be housed in a Federal facility and they will be tried in Federal court. We certainly recognize that local and State law enforcement will be needed to assist as the trial goes forward to protect the citizens of New York and all participants in the trial, however these agencies should not have to bear all the other costs.

On behalf of the more than 327,000 members of the FOP, I want to thank you for speaking out forcefully on this issue and pledge to you our help on this effort. If there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

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