

From: Sally Regenhard
To: Office of Senator Coburn
Subject: 9/11 family group supports questioning S 1537 bill funding

Dear Senator Coburn,

I am writing on behalf of our group of 9/11 Family members " 9/11 Parents & Families of Firefighters and WTC Victims" who support your letter questioning the funding necessity for S 1537.

We also have serious concerns regarding this bill and have sent copies of our letter (please see letter, below) to several Senators & Representatives and we have attended a Senate committee hearing on S 1537. We oppose a *no strings attached* handout of \$20m per year to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum unless they meet the standard of fiscal responsibility, which, at present, they do not.

There is no real consultative process for 9/11 families in the 9/11 Memorial and Museum decision making process, either fiscally, or regarding content, but we are closed out of that process entirely.

As an example of fiscal irresponsibility, please note the following recent newspaper articles regarding the exorbitant and outrageous salaries and perks paid to the private 9/11 foundation executives. These articles appeared during the past few days in *The Record* (newspaper) of NJ, *The Wall Street Journal*, and on various tv news programs in NYC, where we live.

Outrage as September 11 museum execs pay themselves \$6.5million - and one employee was given a \$300,000 severance

9/11 Memorial Executive Salaries Drop Jaws, Outrages Victims' Families

September 11 Group's Salaries Decried

We would be very happy to speak to you or your staff member on this important issue,

Yours truly,

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