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SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

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The Honorable Peter T. King
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative King:

I am writing in further response to your inquiry regarding offsets applied by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to payments due to the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) for delinquent debts owed by New York City (NYC).

I am very pleased to inform you that, after extensive engagement with Treasury to address this problem, CMS has wired two payments to the FDNY totaling \$3,363,931.72 as a refund for past offsets applied by CMS to cover unpaid NYC debts. Those debts will now be reinstated and collected in the ordinary course by offsetting future federal payments to the NYC government. In addition, to protect future payments to FDNY, Treasury worked with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on a request for exemption from future offsets for World Trade Center Health Program payments. Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service received that request on October 23 and granted it the same day.

The debts of the NYC government should not be borne by New York's Bravest, and I am very pleased that CMS has issued a refund to FDNY. If you have further questions, please direct your staff to contact the Office of Legislative Affairs.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Mnuchin

cc: The Honorable Lee Zeldin
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