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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand  
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Dear Senator Gillibrand:

Thank you for your letter to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Mandy K. Cohen, MD, MPH, regarding the performance of CDC's contracting office and their administration contracts for the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program. I am responding on behalf of Dr. Cohen.

The WTC Health Program and the CDC Office of Acquisition Services (OAS) appreciate your input. They will carefully consider the recommendations outlined in your letter and the additional recommendations provided in the 9/11 Health Watch Inc. letter when soliciting future contracts, including any new Nationwide Provider Network, Third-Party Administrator, or Pharmacy Benefits Manager contract. The inclusion and/or application of a particular requirement or provision in a WTC Health Program contract is determined by a combination of factors, including the needs of WTC responders and survivors, prior experience, applicable legal and regulatory frameworks, and the professional judgment of the WTC Health Program and OAS personnel.

I appreciate your letter and support, and that of Congress overall. If you have further questions, please have your staff contact Jeff Reczek in our CDC Washington Office at (202) 245-0600 or [JReczek@cdc.gov](mailto:JReczek@cdc.gov).

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Mike Braun  
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