

Hello my name is Janel Norton and I am here today to ask you to approve this bill, I am the wife of a Police Officer who served his community for over 20 years. At 42 in August of 2021 my husband was reporting to work risking exposure to deadly disease. My husband was admitted to FHH Frederick MD, I was told my husband had a zero percentage of surviving. He was on a ventilator for 58 days, on day 79 we wheeled him home where he had to learn to stand without help and learn to walk again. It is 2 yrs and 7 mo and he is still unable to return to work and our worker comp claim has been denied. There were no policies in place for contact tracing.

Situations like this cause a terminal financial stain. We have exhausted our savings as well as pulled from investments. The amount of retirement he's qualified for is not enough to live on with unknown job opportunities due to his countless side effects.

Obtaining healthcare coverage or life insurance will likely be cost prohibitive to many.

As this bill stands now, unfortunately it doesn't help our family or other families who were still faced with exposure to a mutating deadly virus that had no set standard for treatment and still not very well understood. It would be tremendous if the date could be amended to the Federal end of SOE. The

Delta and Omicron came out after the end of MD SOE. It started in August and many months following MD SOE end date of 7/1/21. Closing it would be ideal if you could amend the dates to fall in line with Federal SOE.

Thank you