

Laura Gillen Lied When She Said She Would Protect The World Trade Center Health Program And Voted Against Funding This Program - Which Put The Healthcare Benefits At Risk For Thousands Of 9/11 Survivors On Long Island

Healthcare Funding For Victims Of 9/11

In February 2026, Gillen Voted Against H.R. 7148, The Consolidated Appropriations Act Of 2026

On February 3, 2026, Gillen Voted Against The Motion To Concur The Senate Amendments For H.R. 7148. (H.R. 7148, [Roll Call #53](#), Passed: 217-214-0-1; R:196-21-0-1; D:21-193-0-0; Gillen voted Nay, 2/3/26)

On February 3, 2026, House Passed The Senate Amended Version Of H.R. 7148 And Ended The Partial Government Shutdown. “The House of Representatives passed the Senate-amended version of H.R. 7148, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, on February 3, 2026. President Trump signed the bill into law later that same day, ending a four-day partial government shutdown.” (“House Passes Senate Amendment to H.R. 7148, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 – Shut Down Ends,” [IHMM](#), Accessed: 2/10/26)

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On February 3, 2026, The House Of Representatives Passed A \$1.2 Trillion Funding Deal To End The Four-Day Partial Government Shutdown, Which Keeps About 97 Percent Of The Government Operating Through September. “WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives passed a \$1.2 trillion funding deal to end the four-day partial government shutdown Tuesday, sending it to President Trump’s desk for his expected signature. Lawmakers voted 217-214 to pass the compromise funding package, which cleared the Senate late Friday and keeps about 97% of the government operating through Sept. 30.” (Ryan King, “House Narrowly Approves \$1.2T Funding Deal To End Government Shutdown,” [New York Post](#), 2/3/26)

The Funding Deal Includes Five Appropriations Bills And A Two-Week Spending Patch To Keep DHS Afloat Amid Negotiations. “That led to the current \$1.2 trillion funding deal, which includes five appropriations bills and a two-week spending patch to keep DHS afloat while negotiations play out on the Democrats’ demands.” (Ryan King, “House Narrowly Approves \$1.2T Funding Deal To End Government Shutdown,” [New York Post](#), 2/3/26)

On January 30, 2026, The Senate Passed A Compromise Spending Package That Included Temporary Funding For The Pentagon, State Department And Many Other Agencies Through September. “The Senate passed a compromise spending package Friday, clearing a path for Congress to avert a lengthy government shutdown. The 71-29 vote came a day after Senate Democrats and President Donald Trump struck a deal to attach two weeks of Homeland Security funding to five spending bills that will fund the Pentagon, State Department and many other agencies until Sept. 30.” (Jordain Carney and Katherine Tully McManus, “Senate Passes \$1.2T Government Funding Deal — But A Brief Shutdown Is Certain,” [Politico](#) 1/30/26)

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On February 3, 2026, President Donald Trump Signed The Funding Package Into Law. “Donald Trump on Tuesday signed legislation to end a government shutdown hours after it was approved by the House of Representatives, as top Democrats warned they will block further funding to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) if their demands for restrictions on Trump’s mass deportation campaign are not addressed.” (Chris Stein, “Trump signs \$1.2tn funding bill, ending partial government shutdown,” [The Guardian](#), 2/3/26)

The Funding Package Brought An End To The Partial Government Shutdown And Provided Funding For Departments Including Defense, Health And Human Services, Labor, And Transportation. “The Republican-controlled House approved the \$1.2tn appropriations measure by a narrow 217-214 vote, with all but 21 Republicans voting in favor and all but 21 Democrats against. The president signed it later in the afternoon at the White House, bringing to an end the shutdown that began after midnight last Friday, which had halted many operations at departments including defense, health and human services, labor, and transportation.” (Chris Stein, “Trump Signs \$1.2tn Funding Bill, Ending Partial Government Shutdown,” [The Guardian](#), 2/3/26)

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Consolidated Appropriations Act Of 2026 Included A Provision That Funded Healthcare For 9/11 Responders And Survivors. “At the center of the legislation is a long-sought fix to the World Trade Center Health Program, which provides medical monitoring and treatment to 9/11 responders. The package incorporates key components of the IAFF-backed 9/11 Responders and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act, correcting the program’s funding formula and ensuring its long-term solvency. ‘Fire fighters who responded to the terrorist attack at Ground Zero answered the call without hesitation,’ said General President Edward Kelly. ‘Never forget’ means making sure these brave men and women have access to the healthcare they need to combat the long-term illnesses they’re facing due to their service on 9/11.’ Congress is upholding its promise to 9/11 responders by fully funding the WTCHP, according to 1st District Vice President James Slevin. ‘The WTC Health Program is critical for the thousands of first responders already diagnosed with 9/11-related illnesses – and for all those who will be diagnosed in the years ahead,’ he said.” (“Congress Passes 2026 Funding Bill Protecting 9/11 Responders,” [International Association Of Fire Fighters](#), 2/4/26)

- **Gillen Had Previously Promised To “Never Give Up The Fight To Preserve This Program,” Despite Voting Against It.** “Tens of thousands of 9/11 first responders and survivors, including nearly 7,000 of my constituents in New York’s Fourth Congressional District, depend on the World Trade Center Health Program,’ said Rep. Gillen. ‘Since taking office, I promised these heroes and survivors that I would never give up the fight to preserve this program. That’s why I fought to fully fund it through its entirety, ensuring they continue to receive the care they need and deserve. FDNY, NYPD and the thousands of emergency personnel who answered the call on one of the darkest days in our nation’s history deserve nothing less than our unwavering support and commitment.’” (Rep. Laura Gillen, “Rep. Gillen And Congressional Delegation Lead Effort To Secure Lifetime Funding For World Trade Center Health Program,” [Press Release](#), 1/23/26)