



March 11, 2025

**The Honorable James Comer**

Chairman, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**The Honorable Anna Paulina Luna**

Chairwoman, Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets

**The Honorable Robert Garcia**

Ranking Member, Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets

Dear Chairman Comer, Representative Luna, and Representative Garcia:

We, the undersigned, respectfully urge you to take action on an important matter that involves transparency, public trust, and the integrity of scientific research. As part of your leadership of the newly formed **Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets**, we ask that you urge the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to rescind the **Finding Regarding Public Safety Information** issued on July 9, 2009, by then-NIST Director Patrick Gallagher (Attachment 1).

This finding states that the release of certain files related to NIST's computer modeling of the World Trade Center Building 7 collapse "might jeopardize public safety." NIST's justification for withholding this information has no credible basis and stands in stark contrast to the principles of open scientific inquiry. The withholding of these files has unfortunately harmed public trust by preventing independent experts from fully scrutinizing the analysis performed by NIST.

NIST's conclusion that uncontrolled office fires alone led to the total collapse of Building 7 has been widely questioned and is doubted by most Americans when they view the collapse (Attachment 2). It is therefore critical that these files be made publicly available for independent analysis. Withholding them restricts the ability of qualified experts to assess the validity of the modeling and to determine whether the conclusions NIST reached and the code changes NIST recommended are based on sound science. Without such scrutiny, the public cannot be confident that the official narrative of Building 7's collapse is accurate and reliable.

We are also in the process of approaching President Trump to ask for the establishment of a **Presidential Commission on 9/11** to investigate more fully the destruction of the World Trade Center Twin Towers and Building 7, and we strongly encourage you to support the establishment of this commission. In the meantime, we believe the Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets can play **an instrumental role in compelling NIST to make its Building 7 computer modeling data available to the public.**

We thank you for your attention to this pressing issue. Should you need further advice regarding the declassification of 9/11-related files, please don't hesitate to contact us via the contact information below.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: (1) Finding Regarding Public Safety Information, July 9, 2009  
(2) Americans Who See Building 7's Collapse Overwhelmingly Reject Official Account