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Good afternoon,

After 27 years in Government, and almost six years as the VCF Special Master, Rupa Bhattacharyya will be departing federal government service at the end of April for a position with Georgetown University Law Center's Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection.

As many of you know, Rupa was appointed Special Master by Attorney General Loretta Lynch in July 2016, and immediately set ambitious goals for the Fund. She has led the VCF through a series of significant challenges, including a funding shortage that required the reduction of awards, and the permanent reauthorization of the VCF in 2019, which reversed those reductions and extended the Fund until 2090 with full funding to pay all eligible claims.

Under Rupa's leadership in the past five years, nearly 40,000 claims have been determined, totaling almost \$8 billion in awards. (Total VCF awards, since 2011, are currently \$9.77 billion, as of March 31, 2022.)

Upon Rupa's departure, the Attorney General will appoint an Interim Special Master while a search for a permanent Special Master is underway. The Interim Special Master will have the full authority of the Special Master, and as such, the VCF does not expect that there will be any interruption in claim review or in the issuance of awards.

Rupa met with the VCF team earlier today to express her gratitude for their commitment to the VCF mission, and she also wishes to thank all of you who have worked with the VCF in service to the very deserving 9/11 community.

Thank you.

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