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I am a retired NYPD Detective who, in 2016, had my pension reclassified as WTC 9/11 related disability pension. I was diagnosed with Uterine cancer in late 2013. I had recurrent cancer in 2016 AND 2018. I've had a complete hysterectomy, received radiation, chemotherapy, and hormonal therapy. I've had four (4) surgeries, the last one partial removal of my diaphragm because that's where the cancer showed up in 2018. I've had medical professionals stating it's quite rare for uterine cancer to show up in places where it has in my body. I've reached out to John Howard (NIOSH) numerous times requesting the addition of Uterine cancer to the program. At one point I received a letter with all my certified conditions and, believe it or not, cancer was on there. I was ecstatic! Finally recognition. When I went for my yearly WTC Health program exam and I asked if they would now pay for my medications, I was told my cancer had NOT been approved-even after showing them the letter I received stating it was. Well approximately four (4) months later I received a letter from John Howard (or his office) basically stating even though you received an approval letter, it was a "clerical error". FOUR MONTHS LATER! I now have difficulty breathing because of the removal of part of my diaphragm.

I am not the only woman, or female first responder, who has gotten Uterine cancer. Keep in mind, at the site and at the landfill there were port a sans (portable potties) for us. The toilet paper, we as women used all the time, had dust from the air on them. Did we ever question or stop our work there-NO! Can you or anyone prove the toxins we all breathed in did not enter us internally via the toilet paper? I think not.