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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Peter T. King  
United States House of Representatives  
339 Cannon House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Gillibrand, Representative Maloney, Representative Nadler and Representative King:

On behalf of the New York State AFL-CIO, representing 2.5 million working men and women, retirees and their families, I write to express Labor's steadfast support for the passage of the "James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act," which will guarantee critical health benefits to those sickened as a result of the 9/11 attacks.

Congress did the right thing in 2010 when it passed The Zadroga Act, which provides money for health care, as well as compensation for financial hardships suffered as a result of injuries proven to be the result of 9/11.

Now, Congress must act quickly to renew and extend the vital benefits for the thousands of 9/11 responders and survivors who continue to battle for their lives and welfare.

We must not forget those who risked their own lives, during a time of such crisis, just as we never forget those lives lost on that horrific day. These heroic men and women have suffered grave illnesses, and many have died as a result of exposure to toxins at Ground Zero. We have a moral obligation to make sure they are treated fairly, and their health needs continue to be met.

The New York State AFL-CIO remains committed to supporting the thousands of people, including the many members of organized labor, who are suffering as a result of their bravery and determination.

We are committed to working with you to ensure that Congress swiftly passes the 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act ensuring the more than 68,000 responders and survivors from across this great nation continue to receive the care and support they deserve.

I appreciate your time and efforts regarding this most important and urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: New York Delegation

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