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The Honorable Kristen Gillibrand  
United States Senate  
476 Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

On behalf of the Uniformed Fire Officers Association, which represents over 6,000 Active and Retired Deputy Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs, Captains, Lieutenants, Supervising Fire Marshals and Medical Officers of the New York City Fire Department, I write to express our 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.

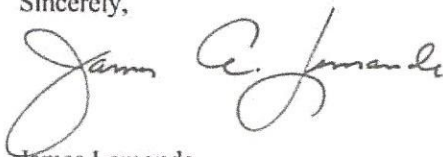
We must not forget those who risked their own lives, during a time of such crisis, just as we never forget those lives lost on that horrific day. These heroic men and women have suffered grave illnesses, and many have died as a result of their exposure to toxins at Ground Zero. We have a moral obligation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



James Lemonda  
President



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