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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senate
476 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
United States House of Representatives
2109 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter T. King
United States House of Representatives
339 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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

On behalf of the NYSUT Officers, the Board of Directors and our more than 600,000 members, I am writing to request your support for passage of the “James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act,” which will guarantee critical health benefits for those afflicted as a result of the 9/11 attacks.

The 9/11 terrorist attacks were not attacks against New York, Pennsylvania or Washington, DC, but against our American democracy and our freedoms.

In 2010, Congress passed The Zadroga Act, named for New York City Detective James Zadroga, to provide health care and other support to the survivors of the 9/11 attacks and the first responders who selflessly dedicated themselves to the recovery effort. More than a decade after these horrible attacks, thousands of survivors and first responders continue to live their daily lives with the debilitating health effects suffered during their work to help others.

Now is the time to renew and extend The Zadroga Act and the benefits provided to thousands of 9/11 survivors and first responders with the support that they need and deserve.

Please join us in support of those selfless individuals who risked their lives and endured injuries and debilitating diseases from their work to help others at ground zero and beyond. Their courage and selfless acts deserve our continued attention and enduring support.

Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent request.

Sincerely,

Karen E. Magee
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