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Dear Senator,

On behalf of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, **I urge you to co-sponsor S. 546, the “Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act,”** introduced by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand from New York.

Terrorists attacked the United States more than 17 years ago. More than 88,000 9/11 responders and survivors from every state were affected and exposed to Ground Zero toxins. More than 9,000 people have been certified as having a 9/11 related cancer. The attack didn't just happen on that day. It continues to horrify responders and survivors every day and we have a responsibility to help those that helped us on that fateful morning.

The 9/11 Victim's Compensation Fund is running out of money and scheduled to shut down in 2020. With your help, we can change that by co-sponsoring this much needed legislation that will extend the authorization to 2090, a move that will match the authorization for the World Trade Center Health Program. That program was extended in 2015 until 2090. Now, we need the authorization to extend the Victim's Compensation Fund until 2090 to ensure the continued availability of compensation for responders and survivors. We need to make sure they get the help they need, as well as ensure benefits for those that we know will be coming down with cancer in the years to come.

For all of these reasons, **I respectfully request you co-sponsor the Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act** and help our heroes who were injured, sickened, or have died as result of exposure to the contaminants at Ground Zero.

To sign on, please contact Brooke Jamison with Sen. Gillibrand's office at (202) 224-4451 or via email at brooke_jamison@gillibrand.senate.gov.

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Thank you,

Robert Martinez, Jr.
International President