



**MASON TENDERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GREATER NEW YORK
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

The Honorable Carolyn Maloney
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2308
Washington D.C. 20515

August 18, 2021

Dear Representative Maloney,

Beginning on September 12, 2001 and continuing for the better part of a year, more members of the Mason Tender's District Council of Greater New York worked on "the pile" at Ground Zero than those of any other organization. Between the demolition experts of Laborers' Local 79, and the environmental remediation professionals of Laborers' Local 78, they and any number of other LIUNA members were deployed continuously, first on the rescue and recovery effort, and then on the cleanup.

Because the heroic and selfless actions of the Laborers rendered a number of them chronically ill with 9/11-related diseases, the "9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act" is of utmost importance to our members. While I am in the process of writing to your colleagues in the House to pass this legislation with all due haste, I would be remiss in not thanking you once again for everything you've done for my members, and all of the first responders, who immediately and selflessly headed downtown unbidden to start the rescue and recovery operation.

As you know, since you were so intimately involved, Congress created the WTCHP in recognition of the long-term deleterious effects of carcinogens and other toxins released as a result of the attacks. In 2015, Congress reauthorized the program through 2090, a timeframe that should have ensured that anyone effected by 9/11-related diseases would be covered for the rest of their lives.

Unfortunately, the reauthorization also imposed yearly spending caps pinned to the inflation rate, and—not shockingly—medical inflation has far outpaced the rate of ordinary inflation. This formulation has left us with a projected shortfall beginning in less than four years. A shortfall just *ten* years into the life of law that is supposed to protect both the heroes and the ordinary citizens effected by 9/11 illnesses for *seventy-five* years. Your bill resolves this and several other issues, all to the betterment of the workers.

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I have been urging all members of the New York delegation to pass H.R. 4965 as soon as possible. After all, back in September 2001, the phrase "Never Forget" was used extensively. Now is the time we need to prove that we have not forgotten. We haven't forgotten those 2,606 who died in lower Manhattan that morning. And we have not forgotten the countless thousands of others who rushed in to help on that fateful day and on every following day, seven days a week, for months and months of blood, sweat, toil and tears, to heal the terrible wound inflicted upon our great city. Your continuous actions on this issue show that you have not forgotten us, and I'm sure you know that we will never forget your support, loyalty and friendship. I can't possibly thank you enough!

If you care to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at 917-681-0401. Thank you in advance.

In Solidarity,

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Michael J. McGuire
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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
Russell Senate Office Building, Room 478
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