Memo in Support of "9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act of 2025" HR. 1410 Garbarino (R-NY) S. 739 Gillibrand (D-NY)

Citizens for the Extension of the James Zadroga Act supports the passage of the bipartisan "9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act of 2025" S. 739 Gillibrand (D-NY), Schumer (D-NY) and HR. 1410, Garbarino (R-NY), Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)), Tom Kean (R-NJ), Dan Goldman (D-NY).

The legislation has over <u>95 House Co-sponsors</u> and <u>12 Senate Co-sponsors</u>.

Citizens for the Extension of the James Zadroga Act is a broad coalition of unions and advocates who have worked over the years to build Congressional support for 9/11 responders and survivors and their families who are still dealing with the impact of the health impact of the toxins at Ground Zero, the Pentagon and Shanksville.

Currently, after years of advocacy, the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP) provides medical treatment and monitoring for over 137,0000 9/11 responders and survivors from the World Trade Center and lower Manhattan, the Pentagon, and the Shanksville crash site, who live in every <u>State</u> and <u>434 out of 435 Congressional Districts</u>.

Since its <u>reauthorization</u> in 2015, costs for the program and increases in participation by injured 9/11 responders and survivors coming forward seeking care have increased beyond what was projected in the 2015 extension and because of those increased costs, the program now faces a projected funding shortfall in the coming years.

Without additional action, the World Trade Center Health Program will not have enough funds to provide care for those still suffering the physical and mental impact of 9/11. This includes the responders and survivors who will be newly diagnosed with 9/11 associated cancers caused by their toxic exposures that we expect will grow in number.

This legislation, prepared by Representative Garbarino and Senator Gillibrand is needed to ensure that the slogan that we will never forget 9/11 is a reality and that 9/11 responders and survivors will continue to the get care that they need and deserve. This legislation would:

- Provide funding to prevent cuts in services and deal with the program's projected budget deficit. By fixing the funding formula to ensure adequate funding in the future for the life of program until it expires in 2090.
- Increase funding for research and data collection on 9/11 conditions.
- Require a report to Congress evaluating the budget needs of the program.
- Make certain technical corrections to the current statute.

9/11 should be more than a bumper sticker.

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