July 27, 2010

Do you have constituents who were exposed to Ground Zero toxins?

428 of 435 Congressional Districts have constituents in the World Trade Center Health Registry

Dear Colleague,

Every single state in the nation and nearly every Congressional District has someone who was exposed to Ground Zero toxins in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. See if your name is listed below as a Member who has at least one constituent registered in the World Trade Center Health Registry. A 'yes' vote on H.R. 847, the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act will send the message that you have not forgotten 9/11 and you will not forget those who served their country in a time of need.

The World Trade Center Health Registry includes individuals from around the country who were involved in rescue and recovery efforts or who lived, worked, or went to school near the disaster site. A collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and New York City, the Registry is helping to determine to what extent physical and mental health conditions resulting from Ground Zero toxins have persisted, and whether any new symptoms and conditions have emerged.

For every individual who felt the terror and breathed the toxins that rained from the sky after the largest terrorist attack our nation has ever experienced, please vote yes on H.R. 847. Do not hesitate to contact Anna Cielinski or Elizabeth Darnall in Maloney's office (5-7944), John Doty in Nadler's office (5-5635), or KerryAnn Watkins in King's office (5-7896).

Sincerely,

CAROLYN B. MALONEY

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July 27, 2010

Remembering 9/11 should be more than a bumper sticker or a license plate

Support H.R.847, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act

Dear Colleague:

Soon we will mark the 9th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks, a day we vowed to "never forget." Now, as Members of Congress, we are being called to remember – remember the loss, the destruction, the sacrifice, the service.

Thousands of first responders, community members, and others were exposed to toxins at Ground Zero. At least 10,000 people came to New York from every state and nearly all Congressional districts to help in the aftermath of the attacks. Many are injured and others are very concerned about their future health. To address this need, we urge you to support passage of H.R. 847, the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.

The bill is PAY-GO compliant: the \$7.4 billion cost over ten years is completely paid for. The bipartisan bill has received broad support from police, fire, labor, construction contractors, and state and local governments.

H.R. 847, the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act would:

- Provide medical monitoring and treatment to World Trade Center (WTC) responders and community members (area workers, residents, students and others) who were exposed to toxins released at Ground Zero,
- Build on the existing programs by delivering expert medical treatment at Centers of Excellence for these unique exposures,
- Reopen the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund to provide compensation for economic losses and harm, as an alternative to the current litigation system, and
- Provide liability protections for the WTC contractors and the City of New York.

The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center were attacks on our nation. We have a responsibility to care for those who served our nation in its time of need. For more information please have your staff contact Anna Cielinski or Elizabeth Darnall in Maloney's office (5-7944), John Doty in Nadler's office (5-5635), or KerryAnn Watkins in King's office (5-7896).

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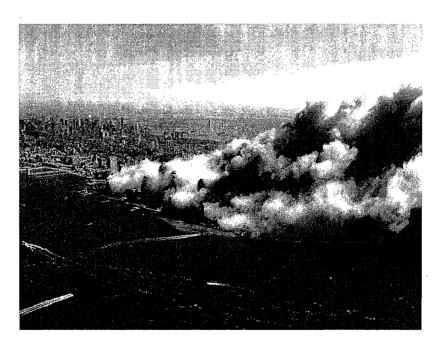
Member of Congress

July 27, 2010

Support the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act *The Air Was NOT Safe to Breathe*

Dear Colleague:

Please join me in supporting H.R. 847, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, when it comes to the floor this week.



The federal government must take responsibility to care for the responders and survivors of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our country. These heinous terrorist acts were an attack on the country as a whole, and it is the duty of the government to come to the aid of its citizens in a time of war. Unfortunately, the federal government's own actions in response to the attacks further endangered both responders and survivors.

- The President of the United States repeatedly referred to this event as an attack on the country.
- The federal government told everyone that their "air was safe to breathe" and that the federal government would "spare no expense" to clean up the inside of their residences, schools and workplaces.

- Outdoor dust sampling in October 2001 at Varick and Houston Streets (approximately 1.2 miles north of Ground Zero) found that the contamination from the World Trade Center "outdid even the worst pollution from the Kuwait oil fires." The dust cloud from the collapse of the Twin Towers smashed windows and poured into residences and work spaces, filling them with dust and debris. Dust samples collected from indoor surfaces registered at levels that were "as caustic as liquid drain cleaner."
- No proper, government-run clean-up program was ever completed, and, in fact, the federal government gave dangerous and illegal advice to individuals to clean up their own spaces contaminated by WTC asbestos with a "wet mop and a wet rag."
- There was a federal tax incentive program to convince people to move to (or stay living in) lower Manhattan in the year after the attacks.

In short, those who are sick today relied on the federal government's assurances that the air was safe to breathe, returned to work in downtown Manhattan among smoking dust and debris to restart the financial engine of the country, and assisted in the rescue, recovery, and clean up of the thousands of tons of toxic dust without using proper respiratory equipment which OSHA should have mandated that they use to stay safe. As a result, thousands of people from all over the country are sick and they need the specialized treatment and care provided for in H.R. 847.

Again, please join me in supporting H.R. 847, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. For more information please have your staff contact Anna Cielinski or Elizabeth Darnall in Maloney's office (5-7944) or John Doty in Nadler's office (5-5635).

Sincerely,

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July 27, 2010

Letter from Mayor Bloomberg urging passage of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act

Dear Colleague:

Below is a copy of a letter from New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, urging passage of H.R. 847, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. This legislation would provide medical monitoring and treatment to the thousands of responders and survivors who suffer from WTC-injuries as well as provide compensation for economic losses and harm.

As cosponsors of this legislation, we echo of the sentiments of Mayor Bloomberg, asking Members of Congress to "work together to ensure that those who survived the attacks, and those who risked their lives to save others, receive the health care that they deserve."

For more information please have your staff contact Anna Cielinski or Elizabeth Darnall in Maloney's office (5-7944), John Doty in Nadler's office (5-5635), or KerryAnn Watkins in King's office (5-7896).

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July 23, 2010

Dear Representative:

As the summer adjournment quickly approaches, I am writing to ask you to pass H.R. 847, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, before the break begins.

The enactment of H.R. 847 would finally engage the full power of the federal government in working toward a resolution of the health challenges created by the attack on our nation that occurred on September 11, 2001. The destruction of the World Trade Center (WTC) and the strike on the Pentagon, as well as the crash of Flight 93, were terrorist acts directed against the United States as a whole. People from every part of the country perished at the WTC that day, while first responders and volunteers from all 50 states took part in the subsequent relief and recovery efforts. As a consequence, addressing the resulting and ongoing health effects of 9/11 is a national duty.

This legislation would achieve what WTC responders, area residents, and other survivors of the 9/11 terrorist attacks have long been seeking: sustained funding to treat those who are sick or could become sick as a result of 9/11; continued research on potential WTC health effects; and the re-opening of the Victim Compensation Fund, which ensures that those harmed as a result of 9/11 are fairly compensated without having to show that anyone other than the terrorists was at fault.

Federal funds have supported important research and treatment programs to this point, but the uncertain nature of that support has needlessly jeopardized their future, while enactment of this bill would establish them on a secure basis for the long term. By providing for the sustainability of the Centers of Excellence and the WTC Health Registry, it would establish much-needed year-in, year-out federal support for monitoring and treatment of health-related problems among eligible firefighters and police officers, community residents, schoolchildren, and owners and employees of neighborhood businesses, as well as the construction workers and volunteers who contributed to the heroic task of clearing the debris from the WTC site. Recognizing that 9/11 was an attack on America, the bill would also maintain the WTC National Responder Program, which currently helps the many men and women who came from across the country to help in WTC rescue, recovery, and clean-up operations.

To ensure that funding goes only to those whose conditions are a consequence of the events of 9/11, the legislation includes important controls and cost-containment standards. Among them, it requires the City of New York to contribute a share of the program's cost, which will give us a powerful incentive to work with federal health officials to ensure that expensive and finite medical resources are allocated responsibly to benefit only those who need them.

Less than two months from today, we will observe the ninth anniversary of these heinous attacks, and too much time has passed without action on this legislation. Please pass H.R. 847, and let's work together to ensure that those who survived the attacks, and those who risked their lives to save others, receive the health care that they deserve. Thank you for your time and consideration of this vitally important matter.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Bloomberg

Mayor

July 27, 2010

Do we still need the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act after Health Care Reform has become law?

Dear Colleague:

I have heard some question whether H.R. 847, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, is needed after Health Care Reform. **The answer is yes**. Health Care Reform does not address major components of H.R. 847, including compensation, specialized care, medical monitoring, and workers' compensation.

- Compensation: More than half of the \$7.4 billion estimated to be spent under H.R. 847 has nothing to do with health care issues. This bill reopens the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund, which compensates injured 9/11 workers who have experienced economic losses because of their World Trade Center (WTC)-related injuries.
- Specialized Care: The WTC health program created by the bill is not an insurance program; it is specialized monitoring and treatment for responders and survivors offered at Centers of Excellence.
- Medical Monitoring: Health insurance does not cover the ongoing medical monitoring that responders and survivors who were exposed to toxins of Ground Zero need.
- Workers' Compensation: The responders at Ground Zero were exposed to toxins while at work. However, many employers continue to contest claims because environmental exposures and subsequent illness can be difficult to attribute. At the same time, work-related injuries are not covered by the health insurance system. WTC health programs can be critical to ensure these responders do not fall through the cracks.

According to CBO, the passage of the Health Care Reform law would bring down the overall cost of the legislation. The expansion of health insurance should reduce the cost because, for those in the program who are injured with non-work-related injuries, health insurance is the first payer. However, for the other reasons stated above, it remains vital to support the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act so that the thousands of responders and survivors receive the health care and compensation they need.

For more information please have your staff contact Anna Cielinski or Elizabeth Darnall in Maloney's office (5-7944) or John Doty in Nadler's office (5-5635).

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