

***The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act***  
**[HR 1786](#) Maloney, Nadler & King/ [S. 928](#) Gillibrand, Murkowski, Kirk, Schumer would:**

**Continue the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program.** The WTC Health Program administered by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) would continue health care and medical monitoring for 9/11-related illnesses for over 63,000 9/11 first responders and [8,942](#) injured 9/11 survivors. Over [33,000 responders and survivors](#) have at least one or more medical conditions as a result of their 9/11 exposure. Many of these conditions require chronic care. These conditions include severe respiratory diseases, gastroesophageal and sinus problems, and psychological conditions such as PTSD. 4,166 program participants have WTC-related 9/11 cancers, including over 1,036 from FDNY.

**Continue to Provide Monitoring and Treatment for Communities Throughout the Nation.** The legislation would also continue the medical monitoring and treatment for first responders (to the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the Shanksville, PA crash site) who live outside the New York metropolitan area. Currently, over [8,485](#) injured and ill 9/11 responders and survivors including responders who came to New York to provide assistance after 9/11, as well as those from New York who have moved out of the New York Metropolitan area, are in the program. There are currently program members from [every state](#) and from [433 of 435 Congressional Districts](#).

**Continue the September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund (VCF).** The VCF, which is scheduled to close on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016, would remain open and be fully funded to provide compensation for economic damages and loss for responders and survivors who were injured by exposure to the toxins at Ground Zero. To date, the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund has received [20,622 completed eligibility claims, of which it has deemed 12,150 eligible](#). The Fund has denied eligibility on 1,668 claims. The VCF has made [6,285 compensation determinations](#) for injured and ill responders and survivors or their surviving families totaling over \$1.44 billion. More claims are expected in the coming years due to the delayed onset of cancers from 9/11 exposures, but without this legislation, 9/11 injured responders will face having their compensation reduced by perhaps 50% or more and those who are diagnosed with cancer in future years would have NO compensation available.

**Make the programs permanent.** Many of the responders and survivors have chronic WTC-related illnesses requiring long term care. Some will have delayed onset of illnesses especially cancers due to 9/11 exposures. They will continue to need medical care and compensation. Making the programs permanent would be [similar to legislation that was enacted providing medical and compensation benefits for workers at our nuclear facilities \(EEOICPA\)](#).

**Continue New York City's Cost Share.** The City of New York would continue to contribute a 10 percent matching cost share of the total costs of the World Trade Center Health Program.

**Continue to Research New Conditions.** The legislation would continue research in diagnosing and treating WTC-related illnesses.

The current WTC Health Program and Victim Compensation Fund expire during the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. If the law is not renewed and extended, these vital programs will end. The legislation currently has 240 bipartisan [sponsors in the House](#) and 62 [sponsors in the Senate](#).