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The Honorable Carolyn Maloney
Congresswoman
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Congressman
U.S. House of Representatives
2132 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515

Dear Congresswoman Maloney and Congressman Nadler:

Thank you for your letter, dated May 12, 2022, and for providing the previous letter to Mayor de Blasio, concerning documents related to September 11th and Ground Zero. I, like all New Yorkers, remember the day our city was forever changed. As a NYPD lieutenant securing the World Trade Center on 9/11, I witnessed firsthand the ground smoldering, the demolished buildings, and the horror of that day. I also remember the many lives lost and the countless heroes who put themselves in harm's way that day and the many days that followed. We all know someone who died that day, and we hold their memories close to our hearts. I also know the collective grief shared by the responders, survivors, and the families of those that died and have suffered along with all New Yorkers who remember that horrible day.

September 11, 2001 was devastating to responders, survivors, and their families. As I stood with them then, I stand with them now, as we remember those that died in the attacks. I also stand with those that suffer from illnesses they have been forced to endure because of their proximity to Ground Zero. I commend Congress for creating the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, and the subsequent reauthorizations to ensure anyone who suffered harm or was killed as a result of 9/11 or the debris removal efforts at Ground Zero are compensated. The Victim Compensation Fund has provided critical relief to so many and I thank Congress for working to provide financial security to the responders, survivors, and their families.

I also applaud Congress for acting after 9/11 by providing FEMA funding to establish the World Trade Center Captive Insurance Company, which insured New York City and its contractors for claims arising from debris removal at the World Trade Center.

My administration is deeply committed to ensuring that the responders, survivors, and their families are supported. As Chair of the House Oversight and Reform Committee and Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, Congresswoman Maloney and Congressman Nadler continue to lead advocacy on highlighting the emerging needs of responders, survivors, and their families for the City of New York. To that end, I would like to invite your offices to a meeting with my team, so we can determine the best path forward. We sincerely appreciate your concerns and your interest in the continued support of New Yorkers and those affected by the 9/11 attacks. I look forward to ongoing collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eric Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" and last name "Adams" clearly distinguishable.

Eric Adams
Mayor