



Dear Friends,

As the 111th Congress draws to an end, I'd like to share with you some of my most recent work on behalf of the people of New York.

### An Historic Victory for 9/11 Health



*Rep. Nadler speaks at a press conference with Speaker Pelosi, the New York Congressional delegation, and community members to commemorate House passage of the "9/11 Health and Compensation Act."*

After nine years of fighting, the House finally passed the *9/11 Health and Compensation Act*. The bill, which I sponsored along with Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, would ensure treatment and compensation for those made sick by the toxic chemicals released by the collapse of the World Trade Center on 9/11. Nearly a decade after the attacks, thousands of first responders, community members, students, and area workers remain sick with often debilitating 9/11-related illnesses. This long overdue measure is an essential part of our effort to honor the heroism and sacrifice that have become the hallmarks of that terrible day.

With House passage of the bill, only the Senate stands in the way of ensuring justice for the still-living victims of 9/11. With the Congress now back in session, I will do everything I can to work with the Senate in order to pass this crucial legislation.

### Keeping Dangerous Chemicals out of NYC Schools

Thousands of public school children in New York City currently risk being exposed to harmful PCBs. These noxious chemicals—which can cause cancer and affect the immune, reproductive, nervous, and endocrine systems—were once commonly used in construction materials and may be present in more than 700 NYC schools. This is why I recently sent a letter urging the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take charge and immediately conduct thorough and careful testing and, if necessary, to remediate all affected schools. With federal intervention now, I hope that we can avert what could become a serious public health issue for New York.

### Restoring a Full Service Hospital in Lower Manhattan

Since the closure of St. Vincent's hospital, I have been fighting alongside the community for a full service hospital for the Lower West Side. We must continue to move forward collectively toward that goal, using all of the tools available to us to ensure adequate access to health resources in a community that is otherwise underserved. To aid in that effort, I have helped to form a group of community stakeholders and local officials to organize a community needs assessment that will be a critical first step to bringing in a

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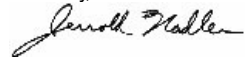
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