



Dear Friends,

Nine years ago, the heroes of 9/11 risked their lives and, with incomparable bravery, ran into burning buildings and smoldering ash to save others. In the aftermath, they worked for weeks and months in the most toxic environment imaginable. And, for nine years, they have suffered ill health and death as a result. For nine years, people have wondered when the United States would honor its obligations to these heroes of 9/11.



Rep. Nadler speaks on the House floor before final passage of the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. [Watch the video.](#)

For seven years, we have struggled to pass the *9/11 Health and Compensation Act*, which would provide health care, compensation, and justice to these heroes and survivors. And, with its passage yesterday, we redeem the honor of the United States and demonstrate that our nation does not forget those who have served.

This victory is without a doubt the proudest moment of my 34-year career in government. And it has taken us years of hard work, struggle, patience, pain, and cooperation to get here. We have stood with first responders and community survivors through the numerous lows and battles over the course of years. We have grieved at the many losses – losses due to 9/11-related illnesses and due to cold political odds and seemingly insurmountable hurdles.

Thanks to the work done by so many, we have won a tremendous victory. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to, among others: Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, for her unyielding leadership; Congressman Peter King, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Chuck Schumer, and the entire New York Congressional Delegation; John Feal and the responder community; Denis Hughes, Suzy Ballantine, and many other leaders of organized labor; Manhattan's Community Board 1, Catherine McVay Hughes, Kimberly Flynn, Rob Spencer and the many survivor advocates; and my unrelenting staff, who has worked hundreds, if not thousands, of hours on this issue for the past nine years.

I thank you all.

Sincerely,

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