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Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Dr. Howard:

As the primary sponsors of the *James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act* in the U.S. House of Representatives, we were pleased the bill passed the 111th Congress and was signed into law by President Obama on January 2nd. We know implementing Title I of this new law will require considerable efforts by the Department of Health and Human Services as a whole, as well as by Secretary Sebelius and you personally. We recently met with the Secretary to share some of our concerns as the implementation process begins and to offer our support for her and the Department.


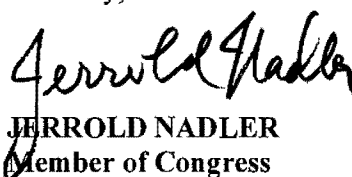
Since enactment, several responders and survivors have contacted our offices with questions and concerns regarding the implementation of the Act. Although regulations required under Title I of the Act are not due for several months, we request that you, as WTC Administrator, hold a public meeting in New York City to address some of these questions and concerns, and to explain how the Department plans to conduct the implementation process.

We look forward to working with you on the implementation of this important law, and hope you will be conducting a public meeting in New York City soon.

Sincerely,



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