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THE DIRECTOR

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The Honorable Carolyn Maloney U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Maloney:

Thank you for your letter of March 26, 2009, regarding funding for the World Trade Center (WTC) Program in the President's FY 2010 Budget.

The President's FY 2010 Budget marks the start of a new era of responsibility. It is the first step in addressing the critical challenges we face today to restore fiscal integrity over the long term. As you know, the President transmitted an overview of his Budget on February 26, 2009, and provided additional detail to the Congress on May 7, 2009.

The FY 2010 Budget includes \$70 million, which, coupled with estimated carryover balances, will fully support the WTC Program through FY 2010. Since the attacks on the WTC, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has designated more than \$1 billion for recovery related efforts. Of this amount, Congress has appropriated \$393 million directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention since 2003 to monitor and treat those affected by the WTC attacks. To date, WTC grantees have spent approximately 50 percent or \$207 million of funds appropriated since 2003. We are working closely with HHS to monitor WTC grantee spending.

Thank you again for your letter. We look forward to working with you throughout the appropriations process.

Sincerely.

Feter R. Orszag

Director

Identical Letter Sent to The Honorable Jerrold Nadler, The Honorable Peter T. King, and The Honorable Michael E. McMahon