



September 28, 2010

RICHARD WOOD
President

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker
The Honorable John Boehner, Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader Boehner:

The contracting companies that assisted the United States in the response to and recovery from the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City appreciate that the U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to consider H.R. 847, the bill put forth by Representatives Maloney, King and Nadler, which comprehensively addresses nine years of issues faced by the individual responders and our companies.

As President of Plaza Construction Corporation, one of the five prime contractors involved in the rescue, recovery and debris removal at Ground Zero (the others being Bovis Lend Lease, LMB, Turner Construction Company, AMEC Construction Management, Inc. and Tully Construction Co., Inc.), I urge you as leaders of your respective political parties to discourage any actions that could thwart passage of this vital bill in the U.S. House of Representatives which is scheduled for consideration tomorrow. We ask that you set politics aside and urge your colleagues to vote to support the substance of this bill.

Our companies and the individuals who responded to assist the government at its time of great need now need your help. This bipartisan bill that will be considered tomorrow helps the responders by providing medical care and a means of compensation that, among other things, properly limits attorneys' fees to 10%. It also eliminates our companies' exposure to punitive damages. For our companies, the bill justly caps our liability so that we are not left to shoulder the costs of the devastating terrorist attacks.

Passage of this bill at this time is critical for us. Our companies currently employ thousands of people, and our ability to continue to do so could be jeopardized in the event this bill is not passed and signed into law. More than 10,000 lawsuits have been filed against us to date and more are likely to follow—not because we have done anything wrong, but because we showed up to help.

It is also important to note that the Associated General Contractors, the Associated Builders and Contractors and the American Council of Engineering Companies all support this legislation. With the support of business, labor and members of both parties, it is time to put politics aside and pass H.R. 847.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Wood", written in a cursive style.

Richard Wood