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By Electronic Mail

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
United States Congress
2426 Rayburn
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Dear Chairman Conyers:

I am the Chief Executive Officer of Bovis Lend Lease LMB Inc., one of the Prime Contractors that responded at Ground Zero on September 11, 2001 to assist in the rescue, recovery and clean-up efforts following the terrorist attack on our country. I write to you to express my company's support for H.R. 847, known as the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009, that was introduced by Representative Carolyn B. Maloney of New York. Bovis supports passage of the base bill and the Manager's Amendment that, among other things, eliminated the exception relating to punitive damages in Section 204 of the bill.

The protections this legislation provides, not only to contractors such as Bovis but also to the thousands of first responders who answered the call of duty, is desperately needed and we support its speedy passage into law.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Bellaman".

Michael Bellaman

cc: The Honorable Lamar Smith
Ranking Member
House Judiciary Committee

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