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The Honorable Carolyn Maloney
United States House of Representatives
2332 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative Maloney:

On behalf of the American Hospital Association (AHA), our more than 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and our nearly 40,000 individual members, I am writing to express our support for your legislation, H.R. 847, *The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010*.

This legislation establishes a World Trade Center Health Program within the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to provide medical monitoring and treatment for emergency, recovery and cleanup workers who responded to the attacks on the Trade Center buildings on September 11, 2001. The bill also would aid other workers and area residents who were impacted by the attacks with health evaluation, monitoring and treatment benefits. In addition, H.R. 847 would provide compensation from the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 to individuals harmed as a result of debris removal, as well as extend the deadline for those who wish to make such a claim.

The tragic events of September 11 should not be compounded by the denial of health care services to those individuals who worked on recovery and cleanup at the Ground Zero site.

The AHA appreciates your leadership on this issue and we look forward to working with you to advance your legislation.

Sincerely,

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Executive Vice President

