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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr. Chairman, House Judiciary Committee United States Congress 2426 Rayburn H.O.B. Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Conyers:

I am the President of Tully Construction Co., 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. We appreciate and support H.R. 847, known as the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009, which was introduced by Representative Carolyn B. Maloney of New York. Tully 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. This is an important step in protecting the contractors from crippling litigation. We appreciate your continued efforts in advancing this legislation, which is critically important to Tully, the other contractors, and responders, whose actions were in every sense heroic in the face of this national tragedy.

The protections this legislation provides, not only to contractors 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.

Very truly yours,

Peter K. Tully President

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