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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-221 United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid:

On behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors, I am writing in support of HR 847, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009. This legislation is a critical first step to providing long term and sustainable funding for a permanent monitoring and treatment system for thousands of first responders and others who became sick and are getting sicker from exposure to toxins released in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.

During our 78th Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City, the mayors of this nation unanimously supported a policy resolution calling for legislation that would permanently fund a monitoring and treatment program for Americans who can prove they were exposed to the WTC (World Trade Center) disaster and to permanently fund WTC-related health research to ensure appropriate use of federal funds for monitoring and treating WTC-exposed Americans. In addition, the mayors called for legislation that would re-open the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund.

We applaud Senator Gillibrand for her commitment to this issue and believe this legislation is a necessary measure to ensure that 9/11 rescue and recovery workers who risked their lives will receive the proper long-term medical care and support they deserve.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Conference staff Crystal Swann at 202-861-6707 or via email at cswann@usmayors.org. We appreciate your consideration and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Cochran".

Tom Cochran
CEO & Executive Director