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June 29, 2010

The Honorable Thomas Harkin  
Chairman  
Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor & Pensions  
S-428 Dirksen  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Michael B. Enzi  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor & Pensions  
S-835 Hart  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Enzi:

I write to thank you for convening a hearing to consider the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009 and express my strong support for this critical legislation. The importance of the continued monitoring and treatment of the World Trade Center responders cannot be overstated. This bill will guarantee a federal commitment to funding for the long-term health and mental health care needs that many of the affected individuals now require.

Immediately following the attacks on our country on September 11, 2001, our nation made a commitment to ensure that those responders from around the country who were directly affected by the events of 9/11 get access to the care they need, making this legislation not only a New York priority, but a national priority. It is critical to continue the much needed research into World Trade Center-related illnesses.

I commend Senator Gillibrand for her determination in securing a hearing for this crucial piece of potentially life-altering, legislation. It is with utmost sincerity that I reiterate my support for the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. Paterson".

David A. Paterson

cc: Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
Senator Charles Schumer