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For the past 14 years, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has remained committed to honoring the people who were lost on September 11, including the first responders who paid the ultimate sacrifice and those who continue to face challenges from that day.

We are dedicated to preserving the memory of the men and women who faced the tragic events on September 11 with unparalleled bravery, ensuring that we never forget their selflessness and heroism, and that those who reside within and outside the New York/New Jersey region do not either. Thanks to your help, we have been able to accomplish just that.

On behalf of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, I thank you for your commitment to honoring these first responders and all the other lives that were lost on September 11 by accepting an artifact from the World Trade Center and creating a public display in your community or at your organization.

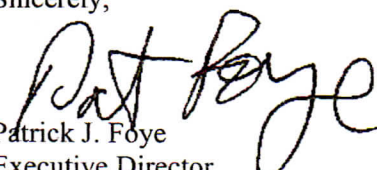
While the facts of that day have been well documented, many throughout the country are unaware of the health impacts still faced by thousands of responders and survivors who live not only in the region that we serve but also around the country.

With the 14th anniversary of September 11 approaching, you or your organization may be having memorial events in the coming days. These events present an opportunity to raise awareness about the continuing health impacts to responders and survivors. The information below conveys the scale of the issue and comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's World Trade Center Health Program, which was established by the Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act:

- There are more than 71,000 responders and survivors receiving medical monitoring and/or medical treatment for their September 11 injuries. In the past year, more than 3,600 responders and survivors enrolled in the WTC Health Program.
- September 11 responders and survivors enrolled in the program are in every state and in 429 of 435 Congressional districts. Approximately 8,000 responders enrolled in the WTC Health Program reside outside of the NYC Metropolitan Area.
- More than 33,000 responders and survivors have at least one injury or illness related to September 11 – more than 22,000 have two or more. More than 3,700 responders and survivors have cancer related to the events of September 11.

We thought it important that you and your organization know about the scope and magnitude of the health issues faced by September 11 responders and survivors across our country.

Sincerely,


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