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September 19, 2014

The Honorable Carolyn Maloney  
United States House of Representatives  
2308 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Maloney:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I am writing to you to express our full support for the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act (H.R. 5503).

NAPO is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's law enforcement through legislative and legal advocacy, political action, and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 1,000 police units and associations, 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers, and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

NAPO stands ready to support any efforts necessary to pass this important legislation, which will ensure the continuation of the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund. 9/11 first responders and survivors continue to suffer from serious health conditions from their contact with toxic substances at Ground Zero. These heroes put their lives on the line to serve us, and must be afforded every resource available as they cope with chronic health conditions caused by exposure to toxic chemicals at the World Trade Center.

Your bill will not only reauthorize programs to provide critical medical treatment and compensation for 9/11 heroes, but it will also honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation. James Zadroga, a New York City Police Department Detective and member of NAPO, died of respiratory disease caused by his exposure to toxic chemicals at Ground Zero. It is our obligation and duty to remember these heroes and ensure that survivors who risked their lives to protect us continue to receive the treatment and compensation that they deserve.

Please let us know how we can be of further assistance, and feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775. We look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson  
Executive Director