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February 23, 2015

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Pelosi, and  
Minority Leader Reid:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I am  
writing to you to express our full support for legislation to reauthorize the James  
Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. Passing a bill to reauthorize the Act  
before its expiration next year is critically important to tens of thousands of first  
responders whose health continues to be impacted by the attacks of September 11,  
2001.

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 legislation to 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.

This legislation 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.

Congress must pass legislation to reauthorize the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act this year to ensure our heroes continue to receive every resource available. We urge you to work with us to pass this important legislation.

If we can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William J. Johnson  
Executive Director