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

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 and S. 2844). We urge your support and request your assistance to move this important legislation through Congress as expeditiously as possible.

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.

The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act will ensure the continuation of the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th 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.

We ask that you support our efforts to honor those who put their lives on the line to protect our nation by moving the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act through Congress as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Johnson", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

William J. Johnson
Executive Director