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Dear Dr. Howard:

The National Association of Police Organizations, (NAPO) represents 241,000 rank-and-file law enforcement officers from across the United States. On July 1, 2011, the health programs provided by the James Zadroga Act went into effect. Although medical monitoring and treatment is provided for those who became ill as a result of 9/11 related afflictions, I would like to respectfully request that treatment be expanded to cover melanoma, thyroid and prostate cancer, and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The passage of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act was a legislative priority for NAPO and in the best interest of the entire nation. A decade since the tragic events of September 11, 2001 has passed but not the everyday health issues impacting our nation's first responders. These men and women entered an environment filled with toxins and today they suffer from elevated risk of melanoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and thyroid and prostate cancers.

For NAPO, the attacks on 9/11 were particularly tragic. Every single Port Authority Police Officer and New York City Police officer who died on 9/11 was a member of our organization. We appreciate all of the support the World Trade Center Health Program has provided to those who have fallen ill due to their response and subsequent exposure at the World Trade Center.

Your support of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act is important and we look forward to working with you on its behalf. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or NAPO's Government Affairs Director, Rachel Hedge, at (703) 549-0774.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson
Executive Director

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