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October 1, 2015

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman,
Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable John Conyers
Ranking Member,
Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Trent Franks
Chairman,
Subcommittee on the Constitution
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Committee on the Judiciary
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The Honorable Steve Cohen
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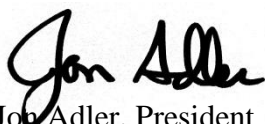
Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, representing more than 400,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers, we respectfully request the Committee move expeditiously to consider H.R. 1786, the "James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act."

As we do every year on September 11th, our nation recently paused to remember the lives lost in the most heinous terrorist attack in American history. Unlike the commemoration of other national tragedies, however, the casualty list of the 9/11 attacks and the number of individuals we pause to honor continues to grow. To date, the number of law enforcement officers who have died of a 9/11-related health condition has more than surpassed the 72 who fell on 9/11 itself. And there are thousands more police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who left their health on "The Pile" and suffer daily with the lingering effects of their service on 9/11 and during the rescue and recovery efforts in the weeks that followed. Over the past five years the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) have aided these first responders and their families, operating as Congress intended and as the heroes of 9/11 deserve. But there is still more to be done and time is running short to reauthorize these important programs before the current authorization expires. We cannot wait much longer.

Six years ago, each of you participated in the process which eventually led to the Judiciary Committee's passage of the original Zadroga Act and the reopening of the VCF. There are far fewer issues presented by this current reauthorization bill than those you helped address in the 111th Congress. And there are no issues with the reauthorization bill that cannot and should not be quickly resolved. We therefore again urge the Committee to take up and advance H.R. 1786 as soon as possible. We stand ready to work with you to do just that.

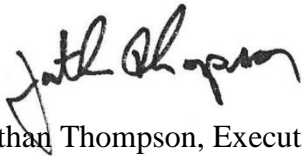
Sincerely,



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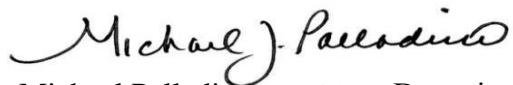
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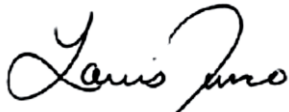
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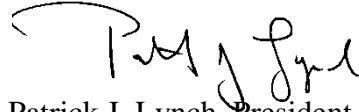
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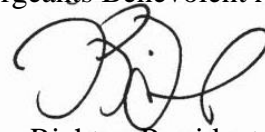
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