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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, **I urge you to co-sponsor H.R. 1327, the “Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act,”** introduced by Representative Carolyn Maloney (NY-12) from New York.

Terrorists attacked the United States more than 17 years ago. More than 88,000 9/11 responders and survivors from every state were affected and exposed to Ground Zero toxins. More than 9,000 people have been certified as having a 9/11 related cancer. The attack didn't just happen on that day. It continues to horrify responders and survivors every day and we have a responsibility to help those that helped us on that fateful morning.

The 9/11 Victim's Compensation Fund is running out of money and scheduled to shut down in 2020. This much needed legislation will extend the authorization to 2090, a move that will match the authorization for the World Trade Center Health Program. That program was extended in 2015 until 2090. Now, we need the authorization to extend the Victim's Compensation Fund until 2090 to ensure the continued availability of compensation for responders and survivors. We need to make sure they get the help they need, as well as ensure benefits for those that we know will be diagnosed with 9/11 related illnesses in the years to come.

For all of these reasons, **I respectfully request you co-sponsor the Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act** and help our heroes who were injured, sickened, or have died as result of exposure to the contaminants at Ground Zero. To sign on, please contact Kelly Hennessey with Rep. Maloney's office at (202) 225-7944 or via email at kelly.hennessey@mail.house.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Legislative Director Hasan Solomon at (301) 967-4575 or at hsolomon@iamaw.org.

Thank you,

Robert Martinez, Jr.
International President