

**BIPARTISAN SENATORS & BIPARTISAN HOUSE MEMBERS FROM
ACROSS THE COUNTRY LED BY GILLIBRAND, KIRK, SCHUMER,
MALONEY, NADLER, KING & ZELDIN JOINED BY FIRST
RESPONDERS, COMMUNITY SURVIVORS, LABOR LEADERS IN
ANNOUNCING LEGISLATION TO RENEW JAMES ZADROGA 9/11
HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT**

*Zadroga Bill Passed in 2010 After Almost Decade Long Fight Is Set to Expire This Year –
Participants in 9/11 Health Program Living in All 50 States and 429 of 435 Congressional
Districts*

*Lawmakers: “We Have a Moral Obligation to Continue to Provide the Critically Needed Care
and Compensation That Our 9/11 Heroes, Survivors and Their Families Deserve”*

Washington D.C. – After nearly a decade long fight to stand by our first responders who answered the call of duty on September 11th, Congress finally fulfilled its moral obligation in late 2010 and provided our 9/11 heroes with the health care and financial compensation they deserved by passing the *James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act*. With the Zadroga bill’s two critical programs set to expire in October 2015 and October 2016, a bipartisan group of Senate and House lawmakers from across the country will be joined at **11:00 AM on TUESDAY, APRIL 14th** by 9/11 first responders, community survivors and union leaders to announce introduction of legislation to renew and extend these critically needed programs.

Nearly 14 years after September 11th, 9/11 responders and survivors are battling serious health crises resulting from the toxins at Ground Zero. More than 33,000 9/11 responders, as well as survivors of the attacks and area residents and workers, have an illness or injury caused by the attacks or their aftermath, and over two-thirds of those have more than one illness. So far, 3,900 cancers have been found among 9/11 responders and survivors, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control.

Those suffering from illnesses resulting from toxic exposures in Lower Manhattan in the aftermath of 9/11 are not limited in geography. Participants enrolled in the World Trade Center Health Program for treatment currently reside in 429 of the 435 Congressional districts in the country.

WHO:

Sen. Gillibrand (D-NY)

Sen. Kirk (R-IL)

Sen. Schumer (D-NY)

Rep. Maloney (D-NY)

Rep. Nadler (D-NY)

Rep. King (R-NY)

Rep. Zeldin (R-NY)

Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Harold Schaitberger, General President of International Association of Fire Fighters

Elizabeth Shuler, AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer

Mario Cilento, President NYS AFL-CIO

Joe Zadroga, father NYPD Officer James Zadroga, who died from illnesses following his toxic

exposure after 9/11

John Feal, 9/11 Responder Advocate

Dr. Michael Crane, Medical Director of the WTC Clinical Center at Mount Sinai

WHAT: Bipartisan group of Senate and House lawmakers will be joined by labor leaders, advocates, and 9/11 first responders and survivors to announce introduction of legislation renewing and extending the *James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation* programs set to expire this Congress.

WHEN: 11:00 AM, Tuesday, April 14, 2015

WHERE: SVC 209-08, U.S. Capitol, Washington D.C.

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