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To: NIOSH Docket Office (CDC)
Subject: Zadroga Bill/ cancer

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the wife of a New York City Firefighter, who responded to Ground Zero on 9/11. My husband also worked for well over 6 months at the site. While he is still relatively healthy, we live in "fear" of the diagnosis that is sure to come... cancer.

One needn't be an M.D. to be able to see the direct correlation between the impact of exposure to known carcinogens at Ground Zero and eventual development of many cancers. We hear stories every week of fellow FDNY responders and others who were relatively healthy one month and the next were diagnosed with some form of cancer. Pancreatic, colon, lung, stomach and other cancers have all impacted friends who also responded. Every week there is some obituary describing similar illnesses from other responders who live in the NY Metro area.

It is incredulous to me that the Zadroga bill actually was passed without a cancer provision. When that happened, it truly felt like a slap in the face, because some people had already developed cancer. It also felt like the politicians passed the bill just to be able to say they'd done something. I don't know what "research" the people who generated Zadroga were referring to (saying there is no correlation between working at the site and cancer) but I urge the committee examining this to interview first responders and their families. The percent of cancers cropping up in this population has got to be higher than traditional averages!!! The numbers must tell their own story.

Please revise this and let's take care of those who put their lives on the line for others. It would be a travesty of justice if these responders who develop cancers are not covered under Zadroga.

Thank you.
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