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To: NIOSH Docket Office (CDC)
Subject: 226 - Implementation of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 (Pub. L 111-347)

Dear CDC/NIOSH,

I not sure how much money the WTC Medical Monitoring program spends on mailings and conferences but I assume it's in the thousands of dollars. Most of the info in the mailings and conferences are usually repetitive. Most of us in the responder community know that the toxic dust was not good for us and the services offered through the program. Many of us are looking for assistance and information on services outside the program like support groups, financial assistance, and social services closer to our homes. I usually go to the Feal Good foundation to get that info and help.

I believe that money could go to better usage like upgrading the waiting room, shortening the wait time at the clinic, offering more supportive services in the neighborhoods where we reside. Many responders like myself are experiencing financial hardships since we can no longer perform the same work prior to 9/11. Many of us are trying to survive on workers comp which is not enough. I believe we need programs to help with living expenses, medical expenses not covered through the program, and help in finding other work, etc.

Sincerely

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