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VIA U.S. & Electronic Mail
John Howard, MD
Director
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
395 E Street SW, Suite 9200
Patriots Plaza Building
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Dr. Howard:

On behalf of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and its members, we write to file a petition pursuant to Sec. 3312(a) (6) of the Zadroga Act requesting that prostate cancer be added to the current list of recognized cancers under the Zadroga Act.

As you are likely aware, Mount Sinai World Trade Center Health Program recently published a study in the *Environmental Health Perspectives* (the "Study"). The Study affirms what was reported in prior published studies, that those exposed to the Ground Zero toxins are at higher risk of developing cancer than the general population. Notably, the Study found a statistically significant incidence rate for prostate cancer, including a 17% greater than expected rate of prostate cancer among responders. According to the Study, these finding were "concordant" with the findings of the New York City Fire Department and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene World Trade Center Health City Registry.

In light of the findings with respect to prostate cancer reported in the *Environmental Health Perspectives* journal and the two earlier studies, we believe that prostate cancer should now be added to the list of recognized illnesses. These studies provide ample scientific justification for the addition of prostate cancer to the list of approved cancers.

Thank you for your consideration in reviewing this petition.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lynch

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