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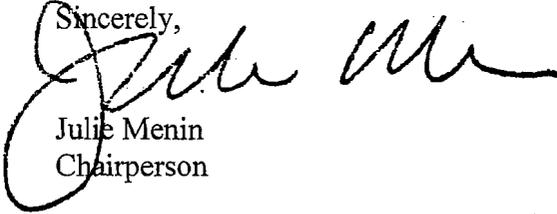
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Honorable Jerrold Nadler
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed please find a resolution passed by Community Board One at our meeting on November 20, 2007, in support of the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2007 (H.R. 3543). We commend you and your colleagues, Rep. Carolyn Maloney and Rep. Vito Fossella, for introducing this important legislation. We are pleased to offer our support for the legislation and are grateful for your dedicated efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,



Julie Menin
Chairperson

cc: Representative ~~Carolyn Maloney~~
Representative Vito Fossella
NYS Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver
Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer
NYS Senator Martin Connor
NYC Councilman Alan J. Gerson

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2007

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WTC REDEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 43 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2007 (H.R. 3543)

WHEREAS: Representatives Jerrold Nadler, Carolyn Maloney and Vito Fossella introduced the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2007 (H.R. 3543) on September 17, 2007, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 3543 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce and House Judiciary Committees, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 3543 has bi-partisan support and as of November 2, 2007, had 63 co-sponsors from various states, and

WHEREAS: Mayor Bloomberg has expressed his strong support for this proposed legislation and at a March 21, 2007 congressional hearing called for federally funded long term monitoring and treatment for all whose health was harmed by 9/11-related exposures and for reopening the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund
<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/03/22/nyregion/22bloomberg.html>, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 3543 has the support of State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, New York State Senator Martin Connor, New York State Assembly Member Deborah Glick and New York City Council Member Alan J. Gerson, and

WHEREAS: The purpose of H.R. 3543 is “to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and improve protections and services to individuals directly impacted by the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11, 2001;and for other purposes” and the latest version (57 pages) can be found at <http://www.govtrack.us/data/us/bills.text/110/h/h3543.pdf>, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 3543 would establish the World Trade Center Health Program within the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to provide medical monitoring and treatment for WTC-Related Conditions, and

WHEREAS: Eligible persons would include:

- Emergency responders and recovery and clean up workers (including those who are Federal employees) who responded to the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and
- Residents, students, area workers and other building occupants in New York City who were directly and adversely affected by such attacks, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 3543 would also authorize funding for the Centers of Excellence (FDNY monitoring and treatment program, Mt. Sinai coordinated consortium, and World Trade Center Environmental Health Center at Bellevue Hospital), research on WTC conditions, community education and outreach, and uniform data collection, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 3543 would create a deadline extension for certain claims under the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and

WHEREAS: CB1 has supported similar 9/11 health bills on numerous occasions over the years, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 wholeheartedly supports the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2007 (H.R. 3543), which would provide necessary services to those directly affected by the terrorist attack in New York on September 11, 2001, including those who lived, worked, volunteered and attended school in Lower Manhattan.