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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.  
Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary  
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Dear Chairman Conyers:

My name is Richard Wood, and I am the President of Plaza Construction Company, one of the prime contractors that responded at the World Trade Center site to assist in the rescue and recovery efforts following the terrorist attack on our country on September 11, 2001. I also had the privilege of testifying before two subcommittees of the Committee on the Judiciary on March 31st of this year.

I write to you today to express my company's support for H.R. 847, known as the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009, which was introduced by Representative Carolyn B. Maloney of New York. Plaza supports the passage of this bill and the Manager's Amendment which, among other things, eliminates the exception relating to punitive damages in Section 204 of the bill.

The protections this legislation provides, not only to the contractors such as Plaza but also to the thousands of first responders, is desperately needed and we support its speedy passage into law.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Wood", written in a cursive style.

Richard Wood  
President, Plaza Construction Company

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