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The Honorable Bill de Blasio
Mayor of the City of New York
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Dear Mayor de Blasio:

The passage of the *Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act* is a tremendous victory for the heroes and survivors who were there for us on 9/11, and for our country. The 9/11 community now knows that they and their families have a measure of security that comes with permanently funding the Victim Compensation Fund.

The frustratingly long process to this important moment is marked by too many losses. NYPD Detective Luis Alvarez and FDNY Firefighter Ray Pfeifer both spent their final days calling for their brothers and sisters in the 9/11 community to be taken care of and I wish they had lived long enough to see their hard work result in this tremendous achievement.

And each day, sadly, brings news of another funeral for one of the men or women who rushed to the aid of their fellow citizens and our country. It is with this in mind, that I request that you host a parade down the Canyon of Heroes in which our city can once again pay proper tribute to those who took care of us on 9/11 and in the days, weeks, and months following the attack. Rather than wait for eulogies to honor their service – and the sacrifice of all the 9/11 survivors – let us take this moment to celebrate their legacy of valor while they can be present to participate in it.

Let's be clear; 9/11 was an attack on our nation, not just New York. Survivors live in all 50 states and 433 of 435 Congressional districts. This national impact was reflected in the overwhelming votes by both the House and Senate. But our city is unique in its 9/11 experience and I believe that, as our Mayor, you can help all the whole nation say "thank you" once again. It is a small but meaningful way to show our gratitude for the sacrifices they and their families made and continue to make each day. Moreover, this is an opportunity to demonstrate again our city's and whole country's resilience, rebuilding and recovery.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff for any follow-up you may wish.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress