

Dear (name of your friend or relative in districts beyond NYC),

I am writing to you to ask for your help in ensuring passage of an important bill in Congress that will protect the health of tens of thousands of people affected by the worst act of terror in our nation's history.

As you know, 9/11 was an attack on our nation that killed nearly 3000. What you may not know is that tens of thousands of people are now sick as a result of the World Trade Center attacks from breathing in toxic fumes and dust that resulted from the collapse and burning of the Twin Towers. Some of those people were the brave responders who toiled on the "pile" in the rescue and recovery operation -- they came to the WTC site from every state in the country and risked their lives to help others. Some were the civilians targeted by the terrorists -- people who lived, worked or attended school in the densely populated area around the WTC, and people who were visiting NYC. Many were caught in the toxic cloud when the towers collapsed. Many were encouraged to remain in or return to heavily contaminated neighborhoods, deliberately misled by the federal government's false assurances that the air was safe.

THIS WEEK, either on Wednesday, July 28 or Thursday July 29, the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act will come up for a vote in the House of Representatives. I am appealing to you to please call your representative at his/her Washington DC office and urge him/her to VOTE YES. I have a sample message for you to use, below.

You can do this by calling the Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121 TTY: (202) 225-1904. Ask to be connected to your representative's office. (If you do not know who your representative is, I have included instructions.)

Thank you for your much-needed help. If you want to call me for further details I can be reached at _____.

Best,