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General Comment

THIS IS MY CORRECTED COMMENT

My wife is Medical Team Manager of CA-TF1 of LA City Fire Department's FEMA/Urban Search & Rescue Team deployed to work on the front lines of the rescue effort on The Rubble Pile at Ground Zero for the first 10 days following the attacks. She almost succumbed to attendant health problems.

DOJ must conform and correct the language of the Rulemaking, on which the Special Master will solely and specifically rely, as follows:

I. The language must assure that, as First Responders Federalized during deployments only and NOT staff firefighters, those those who fit into this category (particularly those from out-of-state) qualify for all benefits

II. The language must assure that the benefits extend not only to those engaged in "Debris Removal," but AS WELL to first responders engaged in search & rescue activities.

III. The language must make it clear that the rulemaking re-opens the Victims Compensation Fund to First Responders, whether from New York or out of state, including those who were deployed by FEMA/Urban Search & Rescue from out-of-state and

IV The language must provide for a straightforward and understandable process which an individual

First Responder can use to apply for benefits should he/she elect not to retain the services of the growing number of attorneys and law firms attempting to provide mass representation in numbers that can't reasonably allow for competent individual representation.

The kindness of an acknowledgement would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

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