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Dear Paul,

I would like to take the opportunity to extend sincere appreciation for your efforts as part of the team of first responders working at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 and beyond.

New Yorkers recognize that the highest degree of humanitarianism and public commitment inspire the work carried out by members of law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and emergency medical service teams. That fateful day called for hundreds of professionals and volunteers to help in the rescue efforts, exemplifying the tremendous courage shown by you and many others. The days and weeks following the horrific attacks were difficult for you and all workers at ground zero who continued to demonstrate unparalleled strength and perseverance to people around the world.

The events of September 11, 2001 have forever left a mark on our state and nation, and irrevocably changed the lives of each of us. Above all, this event of such epic proportions illustrated the spirit of compassion that prevails within Americans, as so many showed the greatest selflessness when called to be part of this critical effort.

On behalf of our citizens, I would like to thank you for your work as part of the "bucket brigade" working to clear debris during the search, rescue, and recovery efforts. In being personally involved in the tragic aftermath of this event, you can be proud of your contributions and always know that you have the gratitude of our state and its people.

With deepest appreciation for your service and commitment to our fellow human beings.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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