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Subject: BLOOD CANCER Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma Stage 2 B-Cell Aggressive

Dr Howard;

My name is Thomas K. Fay and my WTC# is . I signed up with UMDNJ WTC Medical Monitoring&Treatment Program in June 2007.

On September 13th 2001, I rushed to the WTC disaster site as a "non-paid first responder volunteer firefighter". I spend 12 hours in one spot. High atop the burning pile located at the SE corner where the South Tower once stood. The wind that entire day blew out of the northwest and pushed the heavy smoke directly toward my position. I got the worst of it as the fires were still burning and the toxic smoke was at it's worst. My protection that day was complete fire dept turnout gear(boots/helmet/coat/pants) The city of NY supplied us a cheap paper mask. The kind doctors wear in surgery.

Totally useless.

Also of note is that from Jan 2 2002 till April 2003, I worked as a floor clerk at NYSE on Wall Street. Since I commuted from NJ, my bus would drop me off at Trinity Place/Zucotti Park in the mornings and pick me up there at night. Every workday for 15 months. I estimate my time to be about 800 hours south of Vesey St due to my work at NYSE. Yet aside from hacking cough and bad gerd...I thought nothing of it. Sadly, I was about to get very very sick due to my work on 9-13-01.

In pic above, I'm on the left. Pic was taken at 9am 9-13-0. I have 2 witnesses (plus pics) who can vouch for me as to the work I did that day.

By the time my third WTC (2007/2008/2009) yearly medical exam was completed in January 2009, Dr told me that she suspected a soft ball size lump/tumor growing in my upper left thigh might be cancerous. She had me rushed to Mt Sinai where multiple tests revealed that I had NHL BLOOD CANCER. An operation was conducted at Mt Sinai within 6 weeks and tumor was removed. Chemo and radiation followed. Life has never been the same since.

My injuries run the complete gamet. Cancer/upper respiratory breathing difficulties/gerd/PTSD and many more(see file). Blood cancers(NHL) CAN NOT be inherited. You get it by being near toxic chemical exposure. My exposure was unprecedented in it's severity to my health.

I have lobbied Congress multiple times with Ms. Catherine McVay Hughes(FEALGOOD FOUNDATION) and she knows me well enough to understand that a complete miscarriage of justice has been leveled on us brave first responders. Cancer MUST BE INCLUDED IN ZADROGA BILL. You may decide to not cover certain cancers in ZBILL but NHL blood cancer was directly caused due to my time atop the South Tower Pit. Please don't let us brave warriors suffer any more than we already have.