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### Opening Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce Markup on "H.R. 847, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009" Subcommittee on Health March 16, 2010

On September 11, 2001, the United States was attacked by terrorists. We all remember the horrifying scene as the World Trade Center towers came down and the plumes of dust and smoke rose in their place and enveloped the area. Every year, on September 11, we honor the thousands of people who died on that day. H.R. 847, the bill we are considering today, is for the tens of thousands of people who survived the initial attacks, but who have gotten sick and, tragically, even died because of their exposures to the toxins released from those downed towers.

The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that those people who have gotten sick from the September 11 attacks get the health care that they need from providers who are expert in these kinds of illnesses. The people this bill would help include: the first responders, such as the firefighters who rushed into the burning towers immediately after they were struck by airplanes; the crews who came to clean up the site and worked without personal protective gear even though they were inhaling toxins for days on end; the men and women who bravely came back to work in lower Manhattan in the days immediately following the attacks.

This important piece of legislation is the product of years of work by members of the New York congressional delegation. I would like to thank them for their dedication to this issue. I would also like to thank Chairman Pallone for his work on moving this bill forward.