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June 7, 2005

The Honorable Jerry Lewis  
Chairman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations  
H218 Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Obey  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ralph Regula  
Chairman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,  
Health and Human Services, Education  
and Related Agencies  
2358 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Lewis, Obey and Regula:

The President's FY 2006 budget includes a \$120 million rescission of workers compensation funds made available to New York State in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. These funds were appropriated for "workers compensation programs" to be used for Ground Zero responders. The President's budget also seeks to rescind an additional \$5 million of unspent funds from the worker retraining program established to help New Yorkers who became unemployed because of 9/11.

I strongly urge that you reject any rescission of these funds and ask that this \$125 million be used to help New York in our continuing efforts to recover from September 11<sup>th</sup> and its aftermath.

Without the assistance of the Appropriations Committee, New York City would not have been able to recover to the point we are at now. However, the cuts proposed in the President's budget would be a step backward and would limit our ability to address the many needs that still remain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor

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