

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Pulitzer Prize Board
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Dear Pulitzer Board:

We are writing to strongly support and endorse the New York *Daily News* editorial board for a Pulitzer Prize for its editorial series on the health effects of 9/11. We believe that the submission is an extraordinary series that helped accomplished what only the strongest, most compelling newspaper editorials can: influence over the public policy process.

By eloquently and powerfully depicting the extent of the 9/11 health crisis and how little is being done to address it, the editorials commanded the attention of many elected officials. From City Hall in New York City to the State House in Albany, officials in New York were almost immediately moved to act to an extent they had not before.

We believe that the renewed focus on 9/11 health issues and the governmental action on the local and state levels is leading to greater public attention across the board. National media outlets that had reported on this crisis began to increase their coverage during the lead-up to the fifth anniversary of 9/11. This issue was featured on *60 Minutes*, among other national news programs and networks – we believe this was a direct result of the attention brought to this issue and the intensity of the coverage by the editorial page. We also believe that, in the wake of the *Daily News*'s editorial series, reporters covering this story began to ask tougher questions, and the responsible officials finally had to give real answers.


Due to this rising tide of attention and outrage, we have finally begun to see efforts to address the problem on the federal level. The very first federal money for 9/11 health treatment has been distributed, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has begun to focus on this crisis as it had not during the five previous years.

Those of us who have been working for years to focus the government on the 9/11 health crisis believe that the *Daily News*'s editorial series was a catalyst that helped spark action.

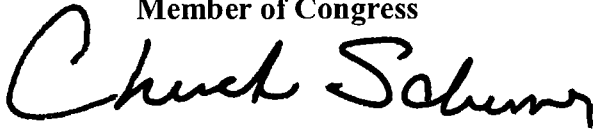
We hope you will consider this as you make your Pulitzer Prize selection, and we hope that you will, in fact, award the prize to the *Daily News*.

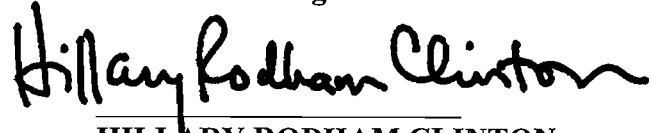
We thank you, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.


Sincerely,


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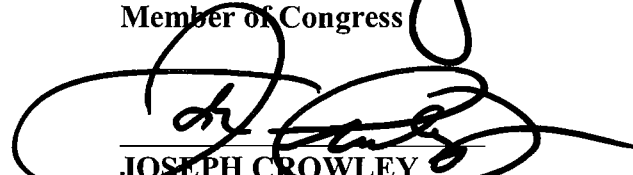

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