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## To: Our Fellow New Yorkers

The memory of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our city, and our nation, is never far from us.

We're the children and family of first responders killed on 9/11 or who have since died from 9/11-related illnesses. We're veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, called to service in response to 9/11. We're survivors and New Yorkers who have committed to serve our city in the same spirit of community that existed here after 9/11.

We have found strength and healing in the place where the world changed. The 9/11 Memorial Museum, located in the footprints of the Twin Towers, tells not only the stories of those killed, but also of the resilience, purpose, and even hope that began to emerge the day after, on 9/12. The story is one of unity. The Museum affirms who we are as New Yorkers, and as Americans.

Since the dedication of the Museum 10 years ago, 23 million people from all 50 states and more than 175 countries have visited. The hallowed site is an almost certain pilgrimage for many out-of-towners. What matters to all of us in such intensely personal ways is also important to people who didn't live through what so many of us did. The experience can somehow bridge our deepest divides.

The 25th anniversary of 9/11 already is on the horizon, and, as fellow New Yorkers, we invite you to reconnect with the feeling of community and cohesion that blanketed our city and nation in the wake of that tragedy. For the first time, beginning on June 3, the Museum will offer free admission dedicated exclusively to New Yorkers on the first Monday of each month. Whether alone or with family or a friend, you'll discover the stories that can inspire a new generation.

As New Yorkers, we will continue to honor all those killed and to carry forward the inspiration, service, and sense of community that must live on. That's the mission of the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. And it's our mission. And we want it to be yours, too.

With hope,

## The 9/11 Memorial & Museum Visionary Network Leadership Council

Sean C. Egan, son of FDNY Captain Martin J. Egan, Jr. killed on 9/11

Bridget Gormlov, daughter of FDNY firefighter William "Bill" Gormlo

Bridget Gormley, daughter of FDNY firefighter William "Bill" Gormley died from 9/11-related cancer

Caitlin Leavey, daughter of FDNY Lieutenant Joseph Gerard Leavey killed on 9/11

Logan Miller, nephew of NYS Supreme Court Officer Sergeant Mitchel Scott Wallace killed on 9/11

Ashley C. Nicholas, U.S. Army veteran served in response to 9/11

John Paluska, Ground Zero rescue and recovery volunteer and U.S. Army veteran served in response to 9/11

Robert A. Perretta, cousin of FDNY probationary firefighter Michael D'Auria killed on 9/11

Zack Reber, MBA Student and 9/11 Memorial & Museum volunteer

Alex Zablocki, 9/11 survivor and lifelong New Yorker

