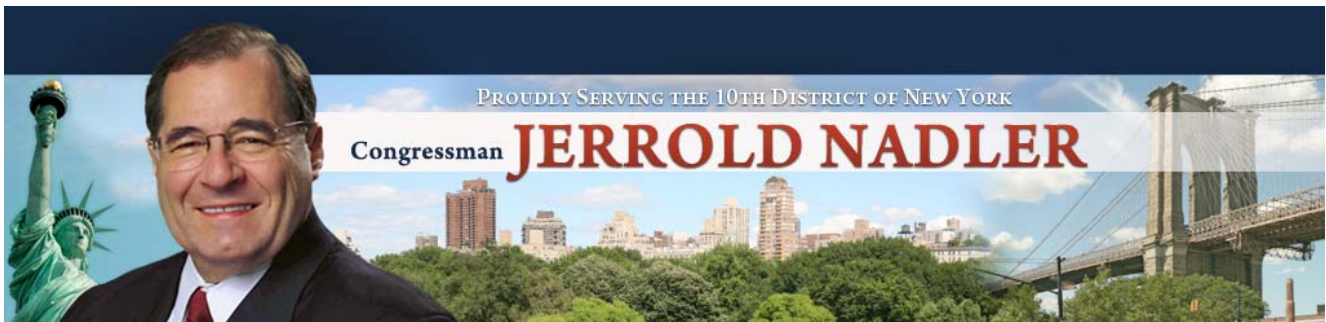


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Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to share with you some of the work that I've been doing recently in the U.S. Congress.

### October 3rd Deadline for 9/11 Responders to Register for Financial Compensation

After recently observing the 12th anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks, I am writing to ensure that you are aware of the upcoming October 3rd deadline to register for the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund (VCF). The VCF provides financial assistance to first responders and survivors injured in the aftermath of the attacks and the recovery effort. On that day, and in the weeks following, New Yorkers displayed unparalleled bravery and courage as they risked their lives to search for victims among the rubble. If you were affected by the 9/11 attacks, I strongly encourage you to register with the VCF.

Since September 11, 2001, the negative health effects of the toxic work site at Ground Zero became more apparent as many of the rescuers and survivors fell ill or passed away. I am proud to have fought for passage of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which reopened the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund to provide financial restitution for lost wages and physical ailments to the thousands of first responders and survivors. These brave heroes labored for weeks in the smoldering ash to clear debris and locate victims. The funds have already been designated for this purpose and it is imperative that as many survivors as possible receive their just and deserved compensation.

To begin the registration process, please visit [VCF.gov](http://VCF.gov). The website contains eligibility guidelines and further information on the registration process. Even if you are unsure about your eligibility, it is important that you register to preserve your ability to file a claim in the future. Please contact my Manhattan district


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## **LGBT Rights in Russia during the 2014 Olympic Games**

Usually heralded as a time of peaceful and friendly competition, the 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, are being overshadowed by the growing climate of intolerance against LGBT individuals in Russia. Homophobic attacks have risen sharply. The Russian government recently enacted a number of anti-gay laws: criminalizing "propaganda" deemed to promote "non-traditional sexual relations," allowing for arrest and detention for up to 14 days of tourists and foreign nationals suspected of being LGBT or supportive of LGBT rights, and banning the adoption of Russian-born children to gay couples or to persons living in countries where marriage equality exists. These laws have resulted in the arrest of Russian LGBT activists and have fueled anti-gay violence. Russia's leaders must repeal these laws and take steps to ensure the safety, dignity, and basic human rights of Russia's LGBT citizens.

With more than 100,000 attendees, including many Americans, predicted to be traveling to the 2014 Winter Olympics, I am very concerned about the safety of our LGBT and LGBT-supporting citizens. The Russian Interior Ministry has stated that the anti-LGBT laws will be applied to guests and athletes during the Games. The International Olympic Committee has admitted that they are unable to guarantee the safety of our athletes.

This is an untenable situation. Along with 87 of my fellow Members of Congress, I sent a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry asking what measures the U.S. State Department will be taking to ensure American athletes, staff, and their supporters are not arrested or harassed during the Sochi Games.

We must do everything we can to protect those Americans who are traveling to Russia this winter. Russia's anti-LGBT laws defy basic human rights that should be guaranteed to everyone at all times and in all places. These laws are completely contrary to the uniting spirit of the Olympics, which brings diverse nations together in a spirit of international unity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerron Hadden".

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