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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY***

***(SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES,
& SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP,
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"I appreciated the opportunity to share with Congress the views of New York City. As I testified earlier today, the City believes that the ongoing lawsuits between the City and its contractors on the one hand, and the rescue and recovery workers on the other, serve nobody's best interest. They pit one set of heroes against another. We firmly believe that the only fair and just solution to this problem is for Congress to re-open the Victim Compensation Fund, and to indemnify the City and its contractors for any liability that might arise from people who do not choose to take part in the re-opened Fund."

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