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The Honorable Vito Fossella
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Dear Congressman Fossella,

Since the tragic events of September 11th, the Congress has been a strong partner to New York City as it rebuilds and recovers. Your leadership on so many of the issues affecting New York has been critical to their success. You have been a true champion for the people of New York.

Our ongoing discussions concerning the rescission of $125 million in federal workers compensation funding for New York has highlighted the obvious need for this the money. As a result, I want to give you my full assurance that we will provide this money to New York this year. As we agreed, the Congress will include this funding in the upcoming Emergency Appropriations bill to fund the recovery and rebuilding efforts for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The bill we send the President for signature will include the $125 million.

Once again, thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House

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