

It's About *TIME!*

Campaign for Workers' Health & Safety

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Dear Friend:

On **Tuesday, October 15th**, hundreds of injured workers and their families—citing the dramatic decline in the conditions for New York's working people during George Pataki's eight years as governor and his "feed the rich and rob the poor" approach to the September 11th disaster—will **March on Albany** to demand that Pataki resign immediately.

Under Pataki's reign, work hours have become longer, resulting in crippling workplace injuries and illnesses. Injured and disabled workers are enraged with Pataki for overseeing a Workers' Compensation Board that forces them to wait up to 10 or 12 years for compensation and awards paltry benefits as low as \$40 a week—one of the lowest minimum benefit levels in the nation. As a result, many workers have been forced to endure years of torturous pain, poverty, evictions and homelessness.

Low-income working people hurt by 9-11 *and* the notorious absence of government assistance – who have developed a range of disturbing illnesses including respiratory infections, unexplained bleeding, and recurring rashes – will also march on Albany to condemn Pataki's complete dismissal of health problems caused by vaporized WTC toxins that settled into Lower Manhattan workplaces and homes .

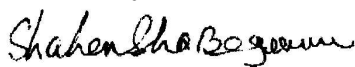
Join us to demand the immediate resignation of Governor Pataki to end his assault on our health.

We urge you to support the **March on Albany** by mobilizing your members and supporters to participate on October 15th. We encourage your organization to make a contribution to defray the transportation costs of the March and to sustain the work of the Campaign.


We hope you'll take further action and join us to strategize how we can further build upon these efforts to educate the public and elected officials about the need for measures such as the *Workers' Health and Safety Bill (#A09270)* to ensure that the millions of working people in New York State lead healthy lives.

We will call you to confirm your participation on October 15th. If you have any questions, please feel free to call JoAnn Lum at (718) 625-9092.

Sincerely,


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