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COVID-19 presents challenges to each New Yorker, none higher, however, than to those who are providing the essential services that protect us all. These brave workers deserve complete medical care and wage replacement; if in the performance of their work, they contract COVID-19.

It is fitting that on this day, the 109<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire, that we the New York Workers' Compensation Alliance, joins with others in supporting new language to the Workers' Compensation Law that protects workers dealing with COVID -19.

Absent, such additional language, workers will face uncertainty and a higher burden of proof to obtain necessary and humane benefits. The additional language will do precisely what New Yorkers demanded over 100 years ago after the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire and enhance the Grand Bargain protecting every working New Yorker.

Yours,

William W. Crossett

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