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Alice M. Greenwald
President & CEO
9/11 Memorial & Museum
180 Greenwich Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear President Greenwald:

I writing to express my deep disappointment and outrage in your decision to cancel the 9/11 tribute lights in New York City honoring those lost at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

Middletown was the second hardest hit area after New York City with 37 members of our community perishing in the attack of the World Trade Center. Middletown made a commitment to our community to honor our World Trade Center families with a tribute each year for those lost on that fateful day, and we're disgusted that the same respect is not given from your organization. I think it's a disgrace that the National September 11 Memorial & Museum Board has cancelled the largest visible tribute to those who made the greatest sacrifice for our country. New York City continues to build skyscrapers without delay, but a tribute so important to our country to honor and pay respect to the victims has been cancelled with zero regard.

If you do not want to host the 9/11 tribute lights in New York City, I will proudly, and safely, host them in Middletown.

All the best,

Tony Perry
Mayor