



September 21, 2001

Dear Friends:

The international community of architects has been profoundly saddened by the recent terrorist attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon. Since the disaster, AIA members, their colleagues, and related organizations across the United States and around the world have contacted The American Institute of Architects to express their concern and support for the architects and others affected.

We have also been asked how financial contributions can be best directed to assist relief efforts, especially in New York where several architecture firms were displaced by the disaster. Toward this end, the AIA New York Chapter and AIA New York State have identified the **World Trade Center Memorial Fund**, established by the AIA New York Chapter in full cooperation with the New York Building Congress, through its New York Building Foundation, as the recommended recipient of our financial assistance. Many New York AIA members are actively involved with the New York Building Congress and attest to the credibility and organization of its foundation to appropriately administer the Memorial Fund. Under the direction of an advisory council composed of leaders from the AIA New York Chapter and other design and construction organizations active in the New York Building Congress, **donations from the architectural community will be used to assist architecture firms whose offices have been destroyed or damaged and will help these firms address an array of relocation, cash flow, payroll, and other immediate operational**

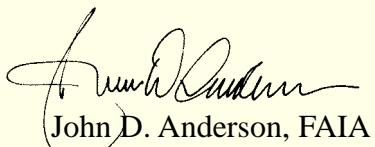
challenges. The advisory council will determine how contributions might also be used to aid the surviving families of the victims, firefighters, police, and rescue personnel. To ensure that donations are immediately allocated to assist those architects in need, please ensure that checks are payable to **NYBF World Trade Center Memorial Fund/AIA**. Checks should be mailed to:

New York Building Foundation
44 West 28th Street, 12th Floor
New York, NY 10001

Contributions to the Memorial Fund are tax deductible under the New York Building Foundation's 501(c)(3) tax status. Any questions about the Memorial Fund may be directed to Rick Bell, FAIA, Executive Director of the AIA/New York Chapter, 212-683-0023, ext. 25.

I know you will make as generous and caring a contribution as possible to help our colleagues and others in need as we continue to keep them and all other victims and survivors foremost in our thoughts.

Sincerely,



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President