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Dear Member of Congress:

Our son, Bobby, age 26, perished on 9-11. We lost a dear son and the world lost an incredible man who loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was an intense young man who, from the time he was a tiny preschooler to the day of his death, put 110% effort in to every task. An outstanding scholar and athlete in high school, he chose to attend Princeton University, where he majored in Literature and minored in African American Studies, while he wrote religiously for the *Progressive Review*, of which he was editor. His senior thesis, *Shadows in the Snow*, won an award from the Center for African American Studies at Princeton. After graduation, his love of books sent him in the direction of the publishing houses of New York. In his first year as a publicist with Henry Holt and Company he managed to launch one of his authors to the top of the New York Times best seller list.

In July, 2001, he decided to try his hand in the business world and was delighted to join Merrill Lynch as an Assistant Vice President for Media Relations. He was also in the process of applying to Harvard and Penn graduate programs in business. He was truly on his way.

After the collapse of the Towers, my wife, son, and I came to New York in search of Bobby. On September 13 we received notice from the morgue that Bobby had been one of the first located outside the Towers. We felt fortunate that we were able to claim his body and bring him home to a proper burial in Pennsylvania. It was then that I began to try to reconstruct the circumstances of my son's death. In the weeks, months, and years that followed, I spoke with Bobby's Merrill Lynch colleagues and supervisors, New York City police and firemen, EMT's and the New York City Coroner. From what I learned, Bobby had died instantly from a detonation while approaching the lobby of Tower One; his body was taken to the morgue prior to the collapse of that building.

To continue my quest, I attended the 9-11 Commission Hearings, patiently listening to testimony while hoping to find answers but, instead, heard an official story that made little sense based on what I knew about Bobby's death. I felt frustrated with the inability of the Commission to discover anything new or enlightening to help me understand what happened that day.

What really made sense to me was the body of evidence presented by Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth. Their scientific explanation of the destruction of the three buildings was in line with my research. A&E had no hidden agenda; they are scientists and structural engineers who cannot be persuaded by political gibberish. Instead of conjecture, they offer irrefutable concrete proof that the Towers were brought down by controlled demolition.

We need, as a family and a nation, to learn the truth about 9-11, a truth that makes sense and stands up to the test of science and logic. Please, I urge you to consider a new, more thorough investigation into the destruction of the Towers and the loss of so many young men and women like Bobby McIlvaine.

Sincerely,



Bob McIlvaine