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Mr. Paul Blanco  
Chief, Regional and Economic Development  
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
1 Riverfront Plaza, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Mr. Blanco,

I am writing to thank you for your support of TRANSCOM in obtaining reimbursement from FEMA for unanticipated expenses TRANSCOM incurred resulting from the World Trade Center tragedy. TRANSCOM recently received a check for \$73,196.17 to cover these expenses.

TRANSCOM would never have received these funds without the support of the Port Authority and its staff. In particular, I want to thank Ken Philmus of TB&T, who provided his department's resources to take the lead for TRANSCOM; Mark Muriello of TB&T, who initiated TRANSCOM's application and provided assistance throughout the process; and John Marini of Adjusters International, who shepherded TRANSCOM's application through numerous reviews and negotiations with FEMA. If there is anyone I failed to mention, I would ask you and those copied to pass along TRANSCOM's gratitude.

The Port Authority's support is particularly appreciated after everything you yourselves went through as an agency and a community. Again, my sincerest thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Matthew Edelman  
Executive Director

Copy to: K. Philmus (PANYNJ)  
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