

October 8, 2001

Governor George E. Pataki  
State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Pataki:

A group of catfish farmers from the Catfish Farmers of America have joined together in an initiative called "Feed the Heroes." These farmers are prepared to feed up to 15,000 rescue workers, volunteers, firefighters, emergency management personnel and police officers, in order to show appreciation for their hard work and dedication to recovery and relief efforts.

The volunteers of the "Feed the Heroes" initiative are hoping to leave at the beginning of the week in order to drive to New York and set up their equipment. Your assistance in obtaining a location that is convenient for the workers would be greatly appreciated, as well as a source to refill propane bottle should the need arise. The volunteers will cook approximately 7,500 pounds of catfish along with hushpuppies and French fries over two days, in order to feed about 7,500 workers for lunch each day.

We would like to propose Friday, October 26, 2001, as one of the days to serve the catfish to the workers. Please contact me as soon as possible if this can be arranged. We appreciate the opportunity to show our gratitude to these heroes for their diligent efforts. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mayor Rudolph Giuliani