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Left to right: Julie Sweeney, NADA/F Board Member, and September 11th Advocates: Patty Casazza, Kristen Breitweiser, Lorie Van Auken and Mindy Kleinberg.

Dear Member,

June 11, 2001, nine months after September 11th, hundreds gathered at the U.S. Capitol to rally in support of an Independent National Commission to Investigate the Facts and Causes of September 11, 2001.

The U.S. Senators and Congressmen who spoke at the rally in favor of the Independent Commission, and those who have signed on to support the bill, demonstrated that they share our desire for the truth!

Lorie Van Auken, who lost her husband in the World Trade Center, said it so well, "*The investigation is important for all Americans. We cannot fix problems unless we know what the problems are. With the Sept. 11th anniversary coming up, people are asking me what they can do. This is something that people can do-help us pass this bill!*"

We know that your life is forever changed by an aviation disaster, and there is a "need to know" why it happened, and what can be done to make sure it does not happen again. We are sharing personal stories with you, on pages 4 & 5, about why those of us impacted by an aviation disaster must have the truth. Fred Chesbro explains how very important it was to the families to attend the first-ever Public Hearing regarding an air cargo crash. Linda Silver Bufano, NADA/F Board Member, lost her parents when she was only age five, 42 years ago, when a bomb went off in their aircraft. Linda understands why the children of 9/11 have a right to know the truth.

The "Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996," initiated and passed by NADA/F members, requires that family members must be briefed, informed, and allowed to attend public hearings and meetings about the accident, and more. The law specifies, "The term "AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT" means any aviation disaster regardless of its cause or suspected cause."

NADA/F members will continue to advocate for the truth, full compliance with the "Sunshine Laws", Independent Commissions, Public Hearings, scientific investigations into the cause of ALL aviation disasters, and more. Please turn the pages to learn more about the Annual Meeting, and how much more we MUST do!

Yours truly,

Gail A. Dunham, President

P.S. Remember the 8th Annual Meeting September 28-29th, 2002 . . . an opportunity for fellowship with friends, and to learn more about what can be accomplished by working together.

**MISSION: To raise the standard of safety, security, and survivability for aviation passengers and to support victims' families.**

**Investigate The Past - Protect Our Future  
We must have an Independent Commission  
to Investigate What Happened on 9/11**



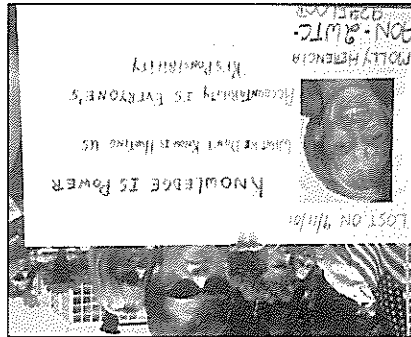
Special thanks to all who have shown support for legislation that will make us all safer the "McCain Lieberman Bill" Senate Bill 1867 and the "Roemer" House Bill 4777. The Senate and House Bills can be viewed on our website through links on the Homepage and under Legislation.

July 25, 2002 the House passed a modified version of the bill to Establish the Independent 9/11 Commission. This amendment to the Intelligence Appropriations will restrict the scope of the investigation to intelligence issues. This is an important first step, but so much more must be done. Special thanks to Congressmen Tim Roemer (D IN) and Chris Smith (R-NJ) for their hard work toward making America safer!

**Congressman Tim Roemer said, "On Sept. 11th, the snakes slithered through the cracks in our intelligence, immigration, border control, aviation security and law enforcement agencies, and succeeded in their deadly mission. To seal those cracks, we need a comprehensive investigation into all aspects of our government responsibilities for protecting Americans."**

**We are asking you to please contact your Congressman and tell them we must have a full and complete investigation of 9/11 including: airport and airline security, immigration, building evacuation and a complete NIST study (National Institute of Standards & Technology), military response and more. We need to investigate not only the FBI and CIA, but also INS, NSA, FAA and DOT.**  
(Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency, Immigration & Naturalization Service, National Security Agency, Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Transportation.)

**Most important we are asking everyone to please contact your U.S. Senators and tell them to support the "McCain Lieberman" Senate Bill and that you want a complete Independent Commission to investigate 9/11.**



**Please contact YOUR U.S. Senators.** We need 40 more to sign on. To honor the victims of 9/11 tell them to expedite the Independent Commission! The following Senators are co-sponsors of the Independent Commission Bill and if your Senators are listed feel free to thank them for their support.

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| John McCain            | Arizona       |
| Blanche Lincoln        | Arkansas      |
| Barbara Boxer          | California    |
| Christopher Dodd       | Connecticut   |
| Joe Lieberman          | Connecticut   |
| Max Cleland            | Georgia       |
| Zell Miller            | Georgia       |
| Richard Durbin         | Illinois      |
| Evan Bayh              | Indiana       |
| Charles Grassley       | Iowa          |
| Tom Harkin             | Iowa          |
| John Kerry             | Massachusetts |
| Jean Carnahan          | Missouri      |
| Robert Torricelli      | New Jersey    |
| Jon Corzine            | New Jersey    |
| Hillary Rodham Clinton | New York      |
| Charles Schumer        | New York      |
| Byron Dorgan           | North Dakota  |
| Russ Feingold          | Wisconsin     |

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An operator at (202) 224-3121 can connect you directly to your Senator or Representative's office at the Capitol. If you want local contacts, that office can give you direct dial numbers for district offices in your state.

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