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I believe that the spouses, family members of those Responders that spent time on the pile at the WTC should be included in the WTC Medical Program. These people, having been in contact with contaminated articles of clothing for days, weeks or months are now suffering from 9/11 Related illnesses themselves. Whether through direct handling of the contaminated [sic] items or after they had been placed into a washer/dryer, the effect is still the same. The family members & spouses have become ill. To exclude them from medical care is to deny them badly needed help. Wives of WTC Responders developed uterine cancers requiring major operations, chemotherapy which put a tremendous mental & financial strains on their families nevermind [sic] the physical stress to the women themselves. A further, in depth look into this is warranted. Something must be done for them as soon as possible.