

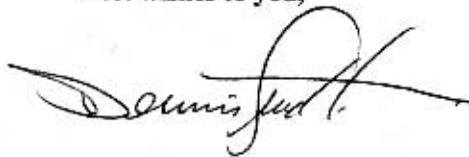
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**Dear Ralph,**

**Thanks so much for sending your ideas for a firefighters monument. If you take a look at the Winter edition of the Manhattan Institute magazine, CITY, you will see an array of design proposals. I do think a separate monument should be made for the firefighters, but I believe there will be one for either the first responders, or separate for fire and police. In any event there is much before the downtown committee and it will be a few years before the settle on something. My one hope is that they let the families of the 2837 lost on 9/11 have the final say.**

**Best wishes to you,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis Smith".

**Dennis Smith**

*P.S. Your design is certainly  
an interesting one, and I  
know it will be seriously  
considered - Best, again,*