

**ANTHONY AVERSANO, New York
Son of Louis F. Aversano, Jr,
killed in New York in 2001**

Anthony Aversano's father, Louis F. Aversano, Jr, was killed in the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person tried in the United States in connection with the September 11th terrorist attacks, faced a possible death sentence but was ultimately sentenced in 2006 to life in prison without parole.

Along with 14 other family members affected by 9/11, Anthony testified against the death penalty during Moussaoui's trial. He and other family members used their voice in this trial not just to determine the fate of this one man, but to speak to the larger issue of ending the cycles of violence. Anthony has since become a member of New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty and passionately speaks in different venues his hope of seeing our system of justice transform from a system of retribution to a system of restoration.

"If I let hatred consume my life from that terrorist attack, then that act of terror would have taken more than my Father, more than those many other lives and more than those buildings, it would have taken my life too! If I let that happen, then the tragedy of that one day would poison me forever. I realized that the vibrancy of my life cannot be taken unless I am willing to give it away. I know my Dad would want me to live my life with fullness and pride, so if I am going to give my life to anything, I am going to dedicate it to love, understanding, compassion and ending the cycles of violence."



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