



**Demand Justice for New York Farmworkers:
Please Collect This Letter to Your State Senator (Skelos, Flanagan, Zeldin or
LaValle) After Services Before June 1st (To find your senator go to:
<http://www.nysenate.gov> and enter at the top left of the page, “Find My
Senator”)**

Dear Senator Skelos, Flanagan, Zeldin, LaValle:

Farmworkers in New York State should have the same rights that all other New York workers enjoy. I find it hard to believe that 75 years after American workers were guaranteed a day of rest, overtime pay and the right to collectively bargain, New York State’s farmworkers are still denied these basic protections. This is why I urge you to support A. 1792 / S. 1743, the **Farmworker Fair Labor Practices Act**, which will ensure that farmworkers are provided the basic labor rights, protections and benefits that all other workers throughout New York State already receive.

The Farmworker Fair Labor Practices Act is important because:

- Farmworkers are the only group of workers in New York who are categorically excluded from our state’s labor law. This is simply unfair and immoral.
- Farmworkers are essential to New York’s \$4.7 billion dollar agricultural industry. Yet, many farmworkers still have total incomes that put them below the poverty level.
- Farm work is often a punishing and dangerous job that takes a serious toll on workers’ health and well being. When workers are treated fairly, farmers benefit from a happier, healthier and motivated workforce.
- We must not stand for laws that target and exclude people from basic civil rights. The vast majority – approximately 78% of NY’s Farmworkers are Latino. Approximately 70% of farmworkers are also undocumented, making them particularly vulnerable to exploitation.

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Yours truly,

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