



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senators Monica R. Martinez, Jessica Ramos, and Jen Metzger Co-Host A Public Hearing on the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act

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(Hauppauge, NY) On April 26th, 2019, Senators Monica R. Martinez, Jessica Ramos, and Jennifer Metzger co-hosted a joint public hearing to discuss senate bill S.2837, sponsored by Senator Ramos, otherwise known as the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act.

Joining them were Senators Toby Ann Stavisky, Diane Savino, and Gustavo Rivera. Also in attendance were Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Suffolk County Presiding Officer, DuWayne Gregory, and Suffolk County Legislator, Al Krupski.

This hearing served as an opportunity for interested parties to provide testimony and public comment on the impact of the proposed legislation, and provide recommendations to the relevant committees.

With nearly twenty-five expert testimonies followed by a public comment portion, the hearing ran for four hours with a diverse representation of farm workers, farm owners, advocates, and industry professionals in attendance.

“As we know, Agriculture is a critically important part of our economic prosperity and historical fabric. We need to find ways to not only protect our farmworkers, but to secure the

future of the farming industry. Myself and my colleagues will take all comments and concerns into consideration as we consider how to proceed with this legislation.” Stated Senator Martinez

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