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Senator Jessica Ramos
Legislative Office Building, Room 946
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Dear Senator Ramos:

I am writing to you to share concerns with legislation that you recently introduced, "The Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act". As you may know, I represent Genesee County, which has a large agricultural community, and for years, many local farmers have shared their fears regarding serious unintended consequences of this legislation.

Agriculture is the largest industry in the state and I believe it is critically important that local farmer concerns and the concerns of the greater agriculture community be heard.

It has been reported that you plan to "visit upstate farms" as you promote this legislation. Rather than promoting this legislation, I would respectfully request that you strongly consider meeting with Western New York farmers to hear their concerns. I would also suggest Genesee County as an ideal location to visit, as it is centrally located between several large rural, agricultural communities that could be impacted significantly if this legislation is enacted.

Simply put, the stakes have never been higher for farmers across New York State and additional employer mandates could have catastrophic consequences for many rural upstate communities and consumers.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in facilitating this important dialog.

Respectfully,

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