



**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Scale and solution of New York’s post-pandemic wage theft problem

PURPOSE: The actual scale of scope wage theft as a problem in New York state is difficult to ascertain with specificity. The Standing Committees on Labor and the Judiciary are calling a hearing to bring workers, employers, and state actors together to collect testimony on problems with recovering wages, enforcing existing wage theft laws, and where gaps in state resources exist.

Thursday, May 25

10:00 a.m.

**250 Broadway, 19th Floor, Senate Hearing Room
New York, NY 10007**

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

According to a 2021 study by the Economic Policy Institute, wage theft costs workers \$50 billion nationwide a year. Those stolen wages remove money from local economies and force law abiding employers to subsidize bad actors who are shirking their tax responsibilities and responsibilities to their employers.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes duration. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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**Jessica Ramos
Member of the Senate
Chair, Committee on Labor**

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Chair, Committee on the Judiciary**

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on wage theft requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible: by May 22, 2023 for those seeking to testify in person, and by May 24, 2023 for those seeking to submit written testimony. Please return this form by mail, email, or fax to both:

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Oral Testimony by Invitation Only

- I plan to attend the public hearing on wage theft to be conducted by the Joint Committees on May 25.

- I plan to make a public statement at the above hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.

- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.

- I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.

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