



#FUNDEXCLUDEDWORKERS

YEAR IN REVIEW 2020

COVID-19 devastated New York. As thousands of New Yorkers lost income and their jobs, far too many community members were excluded from state and federal survival support. Meanwhile, 120 NY Billionaires have gained \$77 Billion alone since the start of the pandemic.

In response, the Fund Excluded Workers coalition was formed and a powerful campaign launched. Our goal: **Expand unemployment benefits to ALL NEW YORKERS.**

We launched groundbreaking legislation estimated to raise \$23 Billion in urgent state revenue and direct funds to a \$3.5 Billion Worker Bailout Fund. The fund would provide retroactive direct payments of between \$2,000 - \$3,000 a month to excluded workers.

We must tax billionaires and create emergency income relief for excluded workers!

WHO ARE EXCLUDED WORKERS?

Immigrant workers excluded from Unemployment and Federal Stimulus payments, and many immigrant families who have lost their breadwinner and have no access to income.

People recently released from incarceration or immigrant detention with no hope of getting work.

Businesses or the self-employed who lack documentation to apply for small business relief and are barred from Unemployment and PUA.

Sign the Petition at

FundExcludedWorkers.org

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A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



200: Organizations across New York state are fighting to #FundExcludedWorkers



75+: Press, TV, and Article Hits



6,000+: Estimated number of calls to New York state legislators generated across four weekly phonebanks



75,000: Average engagements for #FundExcludedWorkers demonstrations



25: Mobilizations across New York state during COVID-19



9,089: Petition Signatures - let's get to 10,000! [Sign HERE!](#)



19: Senate Co-Sponsors **42:** Assembly Co-sponsors

Fiscal Policy Institute [released this report](#) demonstrating undocumented immigrants have paid billions into the unemployment insurance system over the last several years. To build on our momentum, [this report](#) by the Fiscal Policy Institute demonstrates how 1.2 million New Yorkers are ineligible for the CARES Act and federal stimulus.

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TIMELINE OF OUR CAMPAIGN



MAY

We held four Town Halls with elected officials and directly impacted members from the Mid-Hudson region, Long Island, Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens.

We launched [this report](#), which demonstrated the severity facing communities during COVID-19.

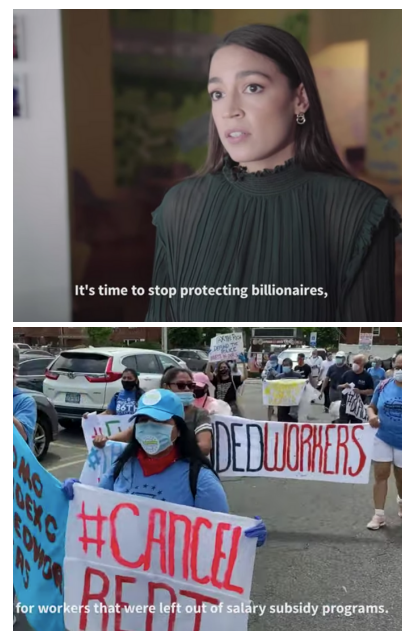
9 out of 10 surveyed Black and brown New Yorkers reported loss of income and inability to pay rent.

The coalition organized three car caravans highlighting Essential & Excluded workers and demands to #MakeBillionairesPay and #FundExcludedWorkers!

JUNE

We continued to grow our numbers. Community members dropped banners across New York, and we brought the call for emergency income relief to the doorstep of Assemblymember Michael DenDekker.

[We released a series of videos](#) highlighting working mothers, survivors of COVID-19, and street vendors. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortes, Senator Jessica Ramos, and our sponsor Assemblymember Carmen De La Rosa released this powerful video calling on Governor Andrew Cuomo to pass emergency taxes on the rich.



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JULY

On July 16th and 17th, over 100 excluded workers - including day laborers, street vendors, and undocumented immigrants and their children - slept on the concrete outside of the home of Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos. We fasted for 24 hours to bring attention to the outrageous inequality in New York.



Amazon gained \$60 Billion during COVID alone, while 1.2 million New Yorkers have no social safety net to fall back on.

[We released a powerful series of testimonies](#) from pantry lines across New York City.



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AUGUST

On the anniversary of 150 days in the pandemic, Make the Road released this report: [Unemployed & Excluded](#) demonstrating over 74% of those who lost work at the beginning of the pandemic were still unemployed with zero benefits.



We didn't slow down! The National Day Laborer Organizing Network chapter of Long Island and Make the Road [organized a car caravan](#).



The Street Vendor Project called for a Just Recovery for All - including the passage of permits for vendors excluded from survival support.



Following the national press highlighting Governor Cuomo's willingness to cook for millionaires in the Hamptons - members with Desis Rising Up and Moving, New York Communities for Change, Make the Road, Adhikkar, Laundry Workers Center, and more brought an empty table and eviction notices to his door asking, "will you cook for us too?"

Over 600 community members marched through Queens, the epicenter of the pandemic, to the home of Billionaire Lefrak.

We reached over 180 endorsing organizations across New York State.

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SEPTEMBER

Our campaign gained more momentum. Upstate, Columbia County Sanctuary Movement member Jarin Ahmed alongside many New York legislators, [called for an emergency fund in this coverage here](#).

Across the Mid-Hudson, Westchester and Long Island, this [Data for Progress poll](#) showed a whopping majority of voters want higher taxes on the rich for emergency relief.

Jews for Racial and Economic Justice held a Jewish Town Hall for statewide elected officials to bring them further into the fight. New York Communities for Change held a “They Get Rich, We Die” protest outside the home of multi-billionaires to highlight the urgency of the moment.

NEW YORKERS TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER

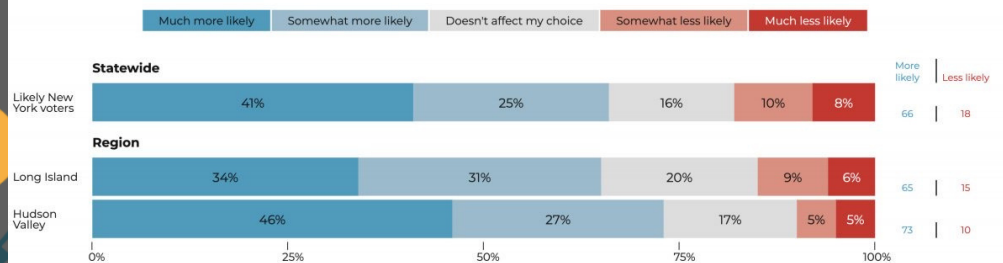
73%

OF NEW YORKERS SUPPORT TAXING BILLIONAIRES TO FUND EXCLUDED WORKERS*

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Voters Are More Likely To Support A Candidate Who Backs Taxing Billionaires and Creating a Fund for Excluded Workers

Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate that supports legislation to tax billionaires and create a fund for workers excluded from federal programs who are affected by the current pandemic and economic downturn?



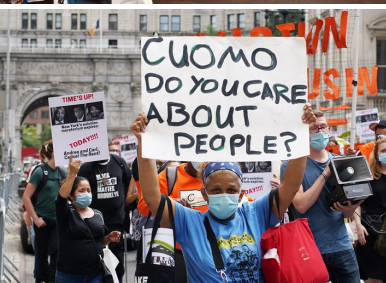
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*Data for Progress, September 2020

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OCTOBER

We blocked traffic outside City Hall to demand an #EvictionFreeNY and to #FundExcludedWorkers. And on Indigenous People's Day - Westchester community organizations marched across the Cuomo Bridge to highlight essential and excluded immigrants.

The FEW steering committee expanded geographic representation and statewide power with the addition of Worker Justice Center of New York, Columbia County Sanctuary Movement, Alianza Agricola, Long Island Jobs with Justice, Rural and Migrant Ministries, and more. Upstate agriculture, dairy, and service workers disproportionately affected by COVID and industry shutdowns joined demands for a Fund for Excluded Workers!

HOW WILL UPSTATE NY BENEFIT FROM THE MARK-TO-MARKET TAX?

NORTHERN & WESTERN NY
\$260 MILLION
13K WORKERS



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NOVEMBER

The call for increased taxes on the rich got louder and louder as New York Billionaire gains doubled by November.

Nearly 42% of New Yorkers are food insecure.

On November 24th, Street Vendor Project, Make the Road, New York Communities for Change, American Indian Community House, Red de Pueblos Transnacionales, and Desis Rising Up and Moving held an action with over six different languages represented and formed a mass bread line outside of Governor Cuomo's office.

The Fiscal Policy Institute released [yet another report](#) demonstrating that undocumented immigrants were the hardest population hit by job loss and were ineligible to receive a single penny of state or federal support. [Pix11](#) and [AMNY](#) covered our efforts.



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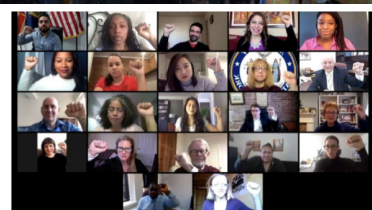
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DECEMBER

We strengthened the ranks of our legislative circle of champions.

On Dec. 9th, over 100 excluded workers and allies rolled out a 700 foot, three-city-block-long scroll across Central Park demonstrating the massive gains of New York billionaires.

On Dec. 10th, [dozens of state lawmakers committed to increasing taxes on the rich.](#)



New York legislators gather in a virtual Zoom press conference to call on the state Legislature to return to Albany to pass revenue raisers and financial relief packages for struggling New Yorkers. The virtual meeting was held Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020. (Submitted photo)

