



Memorandum of Support Unemployment Bridge Program (S3192 / A4821)

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Over **100** participating labor, community, immigrant, freelance and carceral justice organizations issue a memorandum of support for the Unemployment Bridge Program carried by **Senator Jessica Ramos** and **Assemblywoman Karines Reyes**. The Unemployment Bridge Program is a revenue-neutral, sustainable program that will help thousands of low-to-moderate income freelancers, cash earners, self-employed workers, immigrants and people in re-entry get access to unemployment compensation when they lose their job for no fault of their own.

The revenue-neutral program would cost \$500 million and would be resourced through the Digital Ad Tax sponsored by Senator Gianaris which collects a small portion of annual revenues of digital advertising services from companies whose gross annual revenues from these services is \$100 million or more. The Unemployment Bridge Program will bring in economic returns upwards of hundreds of millions across regions in New York state. Unlike NYS state unemployment insurance which has racial inequities built in, this program would serve 73 percent of people who are non-white.

The following organizations strongly urge that this legislation be included in the New York State SFY 2023-24 budget.

Signed,

United Auto Workers Region 9A	Make the Road NY
DC9	Mixteca Organization, Inc
UFCW International Region 1	Movement For Justice in El Barrio
LiUNA Local 79	National Action Network NYC Chapter Second Chance Committee
RWDSU	National Day Laborer Organizing Network
RWDSU UFCW Local 338	National Writers Union
13th Forward	Neighbors Link
A Better Balance	New Hour
Adhikaar	New Hour Long Island
Alianza Agrícola	NEW Pride Agenda
A Little Piece of Light	New York Communities for Change (NYCC)
Black and Pink NYC	New York Immigration Coalition
Brooklyn Emerge Inc	New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
CAAAY: Organizing Asian Communities	New York State Council of Churches
Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC, Inc.	New York Taxi Workers Alliance
Capital Area Relief & Liberation	NICE, New Immigrant Community Empowerment
Caribbean Equality Project	Northeast Dutchess Immigrant Services
Carroll Gardens Nanny Association	Northeast New York Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health

Center for Community Alternatives
Center for NYC Affairs, The New School
Center for Popular Democracy
Centro Corazon de Maria
Centro Corona
Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc
Citizen Action of New York
Coalition for Homeless Youth
Columbia County Sanctuary Movement
Community Resource Center
Damayan Migrant Workers Association
Decrim NY
Don Bosco Workers Center
Downtown Women for Change
DRUM - Desis Rising Up and Moving
DSI International Inc
Dutchess County Progressive Action Alliance
East Harlem Tutorial Program
El Centro Del Inmigrante
Envision Freedom Fund
Equality New York
Families for Freedom INC
For the Many
Freedom Agenda
Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood
Hope's Door
Hudson Catskill Housing Coalition (HCHC)
Human Services Council
Immigration Research Initiative
Indivisible Westchester
Indivisible Brooklyn
Invest in Our New York
Inwood Indivisible
Jackson Heights Immigrant Solidarity Network
Justice for Migrant Families
La Colmena
Labor-Religion Coalition of NYS
Laundry Workers Center
Long Island Jobs with Justice

NYU Law Criminal Defense and Reentry Clinic
Obreros Unidos de Yonkers
Parole Preparation Project
Proyecto Faro
Race Talk Revolution, Inc.
Releasing Aging People in Prison
Resource Generation NYC
Reunite Migrant Families AKA Dutchess County Progressive Action Alliance
Rochester National Lawyers Guild
Rural & Migrant Ministry
Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus, Inc.
Saratoga Immigration Coalition
SEPA Mujer
Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Rochester
Street Vendor Project at the Urban Justice Center
Strong Economy For All Coalition
Sunnyside Community Services
Syracuse Immigrant and Refugee Defense Network (SIRDN)
The Legal Aide Society
The Long Island Region of the New York State Poor People's
The Long Island Social Justice Action Network
The Syracuse DSA
The Workers Circle
The Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration
Tompkins County Workers Center
Transnational Villages Network/Red de Pueblos
Ulster Immigrant Defense Network
Unchained
United Community Center of Westchester, Inc.
Urban Jobs Task Force of Syracuse
WESPAC Foundation, Inc.
Westchester Library System
Westchester Women's Agenda
Woodstock Immigrant Support
Worker Justice Center of New York
Workers Center of Central New York
Workplace Project
Yonkers Sanctuary Movement

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