IMMIGRANTS ARE A VITAL PART OF NEW YORK STATE

Immigrants have long been a critical part of New York State's identity, economy and cultural vibrancy. Immigrants start small businesses, and as workers play a particularly big role in construction, healthcare, restaurants and the care economy. And immigrants enrich communities with diverse languages, music, and traditions. Immigrants are neighbors, workers, parents and taxpayers who contribute billions to the state's economy each year.

4.5 million

IMMIGRANTS LIVE IN NEW YORK STATE

That's 23% of the NY population

There are over 30,000 farms across almost every county

Farms rely on immigrant workers

IMMIGRANTS WITHOUT LEGAL STATUS CONTRIBUTE

$3.1 billion

IN STATE & LOCAL TAXES IN NY

IMMIGRANTS HELP DRIVE NEW YORK'S ECONOMY

26%

of New York State's Economic Output

32%

of business owners in New York State are immigrants

Immigrant entrepreneurs and workers strengthen local economies.

IMMIGRANTS PLAY AN ESPECIALLY BIG ROLE IN NEW YORK STATE:

Restaurants

44,000 Cooks I 40% of total

35,000 waiters I 29% of total

Domestic Care Economy

144,000 home health aides I 71% of total

63,000 housekeepers I 68% of total

Construction

72,000 construction laborers I 55% of total

26,000 carpenters I 38% of total

Healthcare

64,000 registered nurses I 30% of total

29,000 doctors I 35% of total

Immigrants are an essential part of New York State's workforce. In construction, immigrant workers help build and maintain the homes, roads and infrastructure that support growing communities. In restaurants immigrants are chefs, waiters, managers, and small business owners. In the healthcare economy immigrants provide essential care in communities. And in the domestic care economy immigrants are often the ones who make it possible for parents to go to work knowing their kids and elders in need of help are in good hands.

Policies that push out immigrants harm New York State by:

- ⇧ Higher prices for goods & services as the labor force shrinks
- ⇧ Increased cost of living
- ⇩ Smaller workforce & fewer jobs overall
- ⇩ Reduced tax revenue
- ⇩ Lower economic output