IMMIGRANTS ARE A VITAL PART OF WESTERN NEW YORK

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, 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.

88,000

IMMIGRANTS LIVE IN WESTERN NEW YORK

That's **6%** of the region's population

There are over 4,000 farms across Western New York

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

7%

of Western New York's Economic Output

11%

of business owners in Western NY are immigrants

Immigrant entrepreneurs and workers strengthen local economies.

IMMIGRANTS IN WESTERN NY PLAY AN ESPECIALLY BIG ROLE

Education

1,700 college professors | 21% of total

Immigrants also play a role as teaching assistants.

Restaurants

20% of all cooks are immigrants. Immigrants also play a role as waiters and food preparation workers.

Domestic Care Economy

22% of all home health aides and 15% of all housekeepers are immigrants.

Healthcare

22% of all doctors are immigrants. Immigrants also play a role as registered nurses and nursing assistants.

Immigrants are an essential part of Western New York's workforce. restaurants immigrants are cooks, waiters, food preparation workers and small business owners. In education, immigrant workers help educate our children in schools and college. In the healthcare economy immigrants provide essential care in communities as doctors. 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 Western NY 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