

NEWS FROM ASSEMBLYMAN MARC MOLINARO

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MOLINARO VOTES TO PROTECT FARMS FROM EXCESSIVE REGULATION *Statement from Assemblyman Marcus J. Molinaro (R,C,I-Red Hook)*

“Today the state Assembly advanced a piece of legislation, without my support, that will decimate New York State farms, which are the backbone of our economy. This legislation, known as *The Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act (A.1867)*, could cost New York farmers as much as \$200 million a year and will surely result in the closing of many farms.

While I understand the intent of this legislation, this state cannot afford to place additional burdens on farms that are already struggling just to make ends meet. The state and federal government already offer protections to migrant workers who come here legally to work. This is a unique industry that requires special circumstances in the form of labor to cultivate and harvest our prized agricultural products. During these difficult fiscal times we cannot look to tear down these vital agribusinesses, but rather we should be doing more to eliminate hurdles so that they can thrive and help put New York back on track for economic security.”

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