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New York, March 11 (RHC)-- In New York City, hundreds of workers shut down the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges to demand justice for undocumented workers and others excluded from government pandemic relief funds. Many of the workers deliver essential services in the food industry, cleaning and construction, or have lost their jobs in the pandemic.

The proposed “Invest in Our New York” legislation would raise taxes on wealthy New Yorkers to generate \$50 billion for excluded workers, among other things. Meanwhile, immigrant women and domestic workers marched in New Jersey Sunday calling on Governor Phil Murphy and lawmakers to fund a just recovery for all.

One protester told reporters: “We are essential, but we are also excluded women. We are excluded from all types of relief. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the federal and state governments have failed us. This is unacceptable and cruel.”

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