

# *Proposed New York budget includes excluded workers fund*

New York, April 7 (RHC)-- In the U.S. state of New York, Governor Andrew Cuomo and lawmakers struck a deal to create a \$2.1 billion assistance fund for workers excluded from federal



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benefits during the pandemic, many of them undocumented.

Excluded workers organized for months, with some taking part in a hunger strike over the past three weeks to protest the unjust system. Advocates hailed the deal, which is part of the state's proposed \$212 billion budget, as a major victory, but some warn the measure contains burdensome proof-of-employment requirements, which can be harder for undocumented workers and those in informal jobs to provide.

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