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New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer: We Will Continue To Protect Workers Regardless Of Immigration Status

Dear New Yorker:

As many of you may know, my office enforces state and local prevailing wage laws. That means that if you have done construction work on a New York City public project or have been employed through a city contract, then you may be entitled to prevailing wages and benefits. There are a variety of City-funded occupations— like homecare services, day care services, head start services, and others – that require a living wage.

Often, workers are unaware that our office has collected money on their behalf. Other times, many times the workers are afraid to come forward because of fear of retaliation by their employer or because of their immigration status. If you believe you were underpaid on a City-funded job – no matter who you are, or where you're from – let us know. We work to recoup unpaid wages with interest, and we collect money for workers whether they still live in New York City or have moved to another state or country.

It's important that workers know their rights. I want to send a clear message to all New Yorkers that – no matter who sits in the oval office – my office is here to fight for you, regardless of immigration status.

Since taking office in 2014, we have assessed more than \$20 million in unpaid prevailing wages with interest and penalties, returned more than \$9 million to workers, and debarred a record 40 contractors who took advantage of workers.

And we've done it because people came forward. No New Yorker should be exploited, and no New Yorker should be illegally underpaid. Together, we can make an honest day's pay for an honest day's work a reality on City-funded jobs.

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