



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris, Assembly Member Reyes Announce Governor Signs Legislation Expanding Prevailing Wage Requirements For Utility Workers

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| ISSUE: **ROADWAY EXCAVATION QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT, UTILITY WORKERS, INFRASTRUCTURE, PREVAILING WAGE**

Gianaris/Reyes Bill, the Roadway Excavation Quality Assurance Act, Passed Legislature Earlier This Year

NEW YORK, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris and Assembly Member Karines Reyes, R.N. announced that Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law their [legislation \(S.4887/A.5608\)](#), the Roadway Excavation Quality Assurance Act, which requires utility companies that receive permits to open streets to perform work pay a prevailing wage.

“The workers who maintain and improve our infrastructure are vital to our communities and deserve a prevailing wage. It’s good for these skilled workers, and good for local economies across New York,” said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. “I am pleased Governor Hochul is signing this bill.”

**Assembly Member Karines Reyes said**, “I applaud Governor Hochul for raising the wages of workers that fix our roads and strengthening our state’s local economies. By signing this legislation, the governor guarantees that roadway workers will receive the prevailing wage for their services and ensure that workers are paid commensurately for the vital skills that they deploy. This new law will enable this critical part of New York’s workforce to provide for their families and reinvest in local businesses. I am thankful to Senator Gianaris for his partnership in

passing this bill, Governor Hochul for her leadership, and to LIUNA for their devotion to this effort.”

**Dan Bianco, LIUNA Vice President and New England Regional Manager** said, “For decades our union pushed to expand this requirement from just New York City to the rest of the state. This was a long and hard-fought battle by the men and women of the New York State Laborers that will benefit our membership indefinitely. We’d like to thank our valued colleagues in the Senate and Assembly, specifically Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, bill sponsors New York State Senator Mike Gianaris and Assemblymember Karines Reyes, Senate Labor Chair Jessica Ramos and Assembly Labor Chair LaToya Joyner, who recognize the importance of paying solid wages to workers, safety, training and holding big utility companies accountable to the people their businesses serve. Most importantly, we thank Governor Kathy Hochul for standing shoulder-to-shoulder with proud LIUNA members and signing this legislation into law, and for being a strong ally to the union men and women who build New York from the ground up!”

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
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- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
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- ○ Passed Assembly
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- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Enacts the "roadway excavation quality assurance act"

February 16, 2023

Signed by Governor

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Do you support this bill?