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## Statement From Senator Borrello on NYS Farm Laborers Wage Board Decision on Overtime Threshold

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“My thanks go out to the members of the Farm Laborers' Wage Board for exercising sound and thoughtful judgement by deciding to delay any changes to the overtime threshold for farm workers for a year.

“It is evident that the many hours of testimony by farmers, farm workers, elected officials and agribusiness representatives urging that the level remain intact to allow for the

collection of more data was truly heard and considered in this decision. Each and every individual who brought their voice to this process can be encouraged at this outcome.

“Over the next year, I will continue to advocate to maintain the 60-hour threshold. The overwhelming consensus of those who testified, as well as the farmers I’ve spoken with around the state, is that this level is the minimum the industry can bear and still remain strong and viable.

“As we prepare to welcome 2021 and embark upon rebuilding our economy, today’s decision is a great step forward. Again, my appreciation is extended to the Wage Board, the farming community and everyone who invested their time, dedication and perspective in this process.”

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