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Statement from Leader Rob Ortt on the Disastrous Decision by the Farm Labor Wage Board

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The decision by the Farm Laborers Wage Board is the latest disastrous policy under Democrat One-Party rule that is killing our state. By lowering the overtime threshold from 60 hours to 40, unelected bureaucrats – empowered by Albany Democrats – are jeopardizing the future of New York’s agriculture industry.

This decision is the result of the 2019 passage of the so-called Farm Labor Act, sponsored by a New York City Senate Democrat who doesn’t have a single farm in her district.

Everyone agrees that family farmers and farmworkers deserve to be treated fairly. With this new burdensome mandate, they will be added to the exodus of people leaving our state. Today will be

remembered as the day that family farming died a slow death in our state – and it was radical, out-of-touch Senate Democrats who killed it.

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