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## **Testimony from Joan SanJuan**

### **Raising the Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers**

My name is Joan SanJuan and I'm a member of Make the Road New York. I'm 27 years old, originally from Colombia, and I currently live in Westbury, Long Island. I work at Milleridge Cottage as a server, earning the tipped minimum wage.

A lot of families are trying to support themselves on the tipped minimum wage. Customers don't always value our work even though we work hard, and with very long hours. It's impossible to scrape by in Long Island earning \$5 an hour plus tips, because gas and rent in Nassau are very expensive. We're not asking for a lot - just the same minimum wage as other workers. Earning even one dollar more per hour would make such a big difference in our lives.

I would like to ask the Wage Board to eliminate the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers, so there is just one minimum wage for all workers. Thank you.