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My name is Willie Murray a lifelong New York State resident, who currently is a Tipped worker that pays my taxes to this state faithfully for close to 15 years despite my hardships of working the same amount of hours as any other type of employee here in the state of New York , but in my case as a TIPPED EMPLOYEE, having to live with the fear and struggle, of not knowing if I'm going to make the money I need today to pay my bills or am I going to legitamly work all day and leave knowing that I have just put in another days work and knowing that I have been legally been mistreated in part by the NYS labor laws that has been in tact by its Government!

As a result, I have the challenge of resorting to going to food pantry's each and every time I am an eligible canadate for my areas services as they are very limited in how often that can provide assistance to me. When I am unable to make uses of the pantry services, I tend to freeload off friends for food and other needed essentials such as hygiene items.

As often as I can I try to budget my money well enough to meet my monthly financial needs to the best of my abilities but has become a bit of a struggle for me almost each and every month. I often am late with paying my bills which has ruined my credit, which has made it VERY DIFFACULT obtaining additional employment to supplement my income.

This has been a struggle for over a year now, and I have no idea how I'm going to move past this problem except for the State of New York to give all its workers a FAIR Livable Wage.

I have Tens of thousands of dollars in income taxes alone to this state and have received such a harsh return on my contribution!!!!!!

Now is time for New York State to stop playing the Albany games, and focus on the people who pay for all of the government spending waste the Taxpayers!!!!