



May 4, 2026

Dear Governor Hochul, Speaker Heastie, and Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins,

We, the undersigned coalition of organizations across New York, write to express our strong support for the proposal to eliminate state income taxes on tipped wages up to \$25,000 annually. At a time when working families across the state are grappling with an ongoing affordability crisis, this policy represents a targeted, practical step to put more money directly into the pockets of hardworking New Yorkers.

Tipped workers are a vital part of New York’s economy. From restaurants and hospitality to personal services and tourism, these workers help power industries that define our communities and drive economic activity across the state. In fact, many of these workers were defined as “essential” during the pandemic, and we believe they still are, and deserving of this targeted tax relief.

The No Tax on Tips proposal offers meaningful tax relief by allowing workers to retain more of their hard-earned money at a time when rents, groceries, childcare, transportation, and general living expenses burden too many New Yorkers.

As organizations representing employers and industries across the state, we urge you to prioritize and advance the No Tax on Tips proposal as part of your ongoing efforts to support New Yorkers during this critical time. Ensuring that hardworking individuals can keep more of their earnings is one of the most direct and effective ways to provide relief and promote economic stability.

Thank you for your leadership and your continued commitment to the people of New York.

Sincerely,

- NYC Hospitality Alliance
- NYS Latino Restaurant, Bar, and Lounge Association
- Business Council of NY
- Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
- Bronx Chamber of Commerce
- Manhattan Chamber of Commerce
- Queens Chamber of Commerce
- CenterState CEO
- DoorDash