

JUSTICE FOR FARMWORKERS



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NEWS ALERT

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Brooklyn to NY Senator Dilan: Shame on you for betraying farmworkers
Saturday vigil, march and leafleting will call on Sen. Delan to become a farmworker advocate

WHAT: NY Senator Martin Malavé Dilan wrote in 2009 that he was “fully in support” of ending the exclusion of farmworkers from basic labor rights — a day of rest, overtime pay, disability insurance and the right to bargain collectively. He had a chance to stand by his word in January but VOTED NO in the Senate Labor Committee. Allies of the Justice for Farmworkers Campaign will gather on Saturday morning for a vigil and march to Sen. Dilan’s office with the message: “We don’t want a Senator who’s against equal rights for our farmworker brothers and sisters.”

WHEN: Saturday, February 20, 2010. A brief orientation begins at 10:30 a.m., rain or shine, followed by a march to the Senator’s office and back.

WHERE: Saint Barbara’s Roman Catholic Church, 138 Bleeker Street, between Central Avenue and Wilson Avenue in Brooklyn, NY. The closest train station is Knickerbocker Avenue on the “M” line. The “M” runs on Myrtle Avenue. Walk on Knickerbocker Avenue toward Bleeker, then turn right on to Bleeker.

WHO: Supporters of basic human rights for New York’s farmworkers

WHY: The reason for this witness is to protest Senator Dilan’s failure to stand tall for farmworkers:

- As a member of the Labor Committee, Sen. Dilan voted against moving the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act out of the Labor Committee and onward to the floor of the Senate for a full vote. He was the only Senate Democrat to vote no.
- Sen. Dilan was directly involved in stalling the bill by re-routing it to a Senate committee where it doesn’t belong.
- For over a year, Sen. Dilan refused to join 25 fellow Democrats in the NY Senate to sponsor the Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act.

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