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STATEMENT FROM CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER JULIE MENIN ON THE "JUSTICE FOR JOB SEEKERS" LEGISLATION ANNOUNCED BY ASSEMBLYMAN FRANCISCO MOYA TODAY

"Assemblyman Moya's legislation will strengthen the Department's ability to protect job seekers, especially low-wage workers, from predatory employment agencies that lure consumers with the promise of jobs, charge fees, and then fail to deliver.

All too often, employment agencies take advantage of low wage workers and in particular, immigrants, in their search for work. By prohibiting employment agencies from charging domestic workers and manual workers a fee before placing them in a job - a protection currently provided for all other types of workers - the bill fixes a basic problem and if passed, would protect our city's most vulnerable job hunters.

We applaud Assemblyman Moya and his colleagues for demonstrating leadership on this crucial issue and are prepared to prosecute agencies that exploit New Yorkers in pursuit of good work and a decent wage."