



# Monroe County Legislature

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To The Honorable  
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Committee Assignment

**Memorializing Referral** -L

**RE: Memorializing New York State to Enact the Buy American Salt Act**

Honorable Legislators:

New York State has at least two salt mines that provide rock salt for road deicing purposes, including one in neighboring Livingston County. Despite these two large Upstate New York mines offering good paying union jobs, competition with foreign salt operations proves harmful to these mines. Alarming, in 2019 hundreds of workers employed by these mines were laid off when non-US companies were awarded over \$18.8 million in state contracts.

In addition to providing jobs, salt that is mined or harvested in New York State adds an estimated \$3.00 in tax revenue for every ton of salt produced, providing a financial benefit to the state and various counties.

New York State has previously prioritized the purchase of goods by focusing on a buy American strategy, most recently in 2017 when the Governor and Legislature agreed to prioritize American made steel in state contracts.

The Buy American Salt Act, sponsored by State Senator Tim Kennedy and Assemblymember Harry Bronson, would require that all rock salt, or sodium chloride, used or supplied in the performance of a government contract or any subcontract thereto, within the state, shall be mined or hand harvested in the United States.

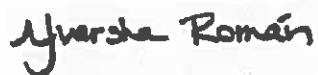
We ask you to join us in calling on the New York State Legislature to pass Senate Bill S03908A and Assembly Bill A07919, The Buy American Salt Act, and for Governor Kathy Hochul to sign the Act into law.

Respectfully Submitted,

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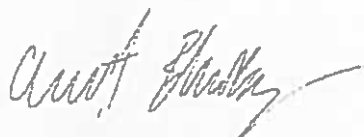
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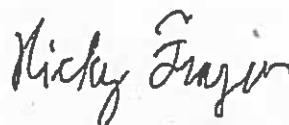
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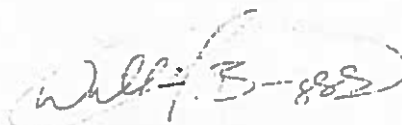
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