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A Major Victory in the Fight for Workers' Rights

Dear Member,

We're writing with regard to a major step forward in the fight to protect New York workers and their families. On October 29, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law the "Nigro Bill" (S.661/A.6424), which temporarily amends the workers' compensation law for death benefits with relation to cancers caused by diesel exhaust exposure.

Previously, too many families of workers who died of cancer caused by diesel exhaust were unable to access benefits because the statute of limitations expired before there was scientific proof that diesel exhaust caused cancer. This bill, named after bus mechanic Anthony Nigro, creates a one-year window for those widows and dependents of workers who died of diesel-related cancer to file death benefits claims. In other words, the State of New York has retroactively given those families access to compensation and justice.

We stand ready to represent families who have lost loved ones to diesel exhaust-related cancer in the death benefits process. If this applies to you or someone you know, don't hesitate to give us a call at 800-692-3717, or visit WorkersLaw.com for more information.