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AG Healey speaks to essential women workers about wage theft

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In a recorded message, state attorney general Maura Healey (pictured in February) addressed an event organized by the Matahari Women Workers' Center in Boston to call attention to wage theft and its impact on essential workers. JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF/FILE

The women said they came to Massachusetts to escape poverty, police corruption, and the aftermath of natural disasters in their hometowns.

But when they went to work in private homes, the food and restaurant industry, and cleaning office buildings, the women said they were exposed to harsh working conditions and didn't receive wages they were owed.

On Saturday, a half dozen women, some of them immigrants, described their workplace experiences at a virtual news conference organized by the Matahari Women Workers' Center in Boston to call attention to wage theft and its impact on essential workers.

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