ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PROTECTION

POSTPONED

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Concession Pricing Fairness

PURPOSE: Examining concession pricing practices to promote transparency and fairness.

Tuesday
September 15th, 2026
10AM
Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12210

ORAL TESTIMONY WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY

Publicly funded venues and facilities such as parks, beaches, airports, rest stops, sports centers, and stadiums are important spaces for entertainment, convenience, recreation and community engagement across New York. However, at many of these venues and facilities, food and beverage concession prices have become increasingly unaffordable for many New Yorkers and their families. These affordability concerns are amplified when patrons are prohibited from bringing in outside food and beverages, leaving them with no meaningful alternative to purchasing concessions at inflated venue prices.

The Committee seeks to evaluate concession pricing at such publicly funded venues and facilities, understand the factors that drive price increases, and determine whether greater transparency, oversight, or consumer protection may be appropriate. The Committee is especially interested in learning how concession pricing practices vary and exploring solutions to make concessions more affordable to all patrons, including through the adoption of consistent standards and industry best practices.

The purpose of this hearing is to develop a fuller understanding of concession pricing practices and gather input from a broad range of stakeholders to inform policy that protects consumers while also recognizing the legitimate operational and financial needs of concession operators and venue or facility owners.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to five (5) minutes. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to the staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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Nily Rozic
Member of Assembly
Chair
Committee on Consumer Affairs and Protection

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Persons invited to present testimony at this public hearing are requested to complete this reply form **no later than Friday September 11th, 2026,** and email or fax it to:

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☐ I plan to attend the following public hearing on concession pricing fairness to be conducted by the Assembly Standing Committees on Consumer Affairs and Protection on September 15th, 2026.

☐ I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to five minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.

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