

## Actor Martin Sheen Pushes Farmworker Rights As Deal Nears

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Actor Martin Sheen, the lead actor in Apocalypse Now and The West Wing is putting his weight behind a push to get farmworkers' rights legislation passed in Albany.

Sheen, a long time activist and friend of civil rights activist Cesar Chavez, recorded a voiceover for a [YouTube video](#) put together by The Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights.

Rural legislators are generally averse to the legislation because farm groups say giving workers overtime, days off and access to unemployment insurance could be cost prohibitive to small farms.

A [compromise deal](#) has become a real possibility over the last few days and could address that by carving out small farms and ensuring that only large agribusinesses that hire a significant amount of workers each season are effected.

Sen. Adriano Espaillat, of the Senate Democrats and Sen. Diane Savino of the Independent Senate Democrats have been working to get a deal done before the end of the legislative session.

Here is the Sheen spot:

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