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Re: United States v Alex Saavedra

On behalf of Alex Saavedra, the former Director of two SEEDCO Workforce 1 centers, we are gratified by the verdict delivered by the jury yesterday. The government had alleged “hundreds, if not thousands” of false job placements and damages in the amount of “tens of millions of dollars.” After hearing all of the evidence, the jury found that the government proved just 13 false placements out of more than 7,000 job seekers who were placed in 2011 alone, and out of the more than 30,000 job-seekers placed by SEEDCO since 2004. For those 13 false placements, they found \$13,000 in damages.

This verdict is a very significant vindication of the many hard-working SEEDCO employees, including Mr. Saavedra, who dedicated their professional lives to creating economic opportunities for their community and to assisting New Yorkers in need.

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