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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 33 (Senator Kaplan) / Assembly Bill 3456 (Assemblyman McDonald)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, IN
RELATION TO DESIGNATING A SMALL BUSINESS LIAISON**

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This legislation would require agencies such as the Department of Agriculture and Markets, Environmental Conservation, Labor, Transportation and Taxation and Finance to designate an existing employee to serve as a liaison for small businesses regulated by the agency.

The small business liaison would serve as the primary point of communication for small businesses to contact with questions on regulations as well as assist in finding the right people to assist, hear concerns and report those concerns to the appropriate staff. Further, the liaison would be an advocate for small businesses and make recommendations to the agency on matters affecting small business.

Farmers are subject to many regulations across many agencies and often to have an easy resource for questions they may have. Many times, just finding the right person can alleviate concerns and resolve questions farmers have. This bill would help small businesses have more positive interaction with the state agencies.

For these reasons, New York Farm Bureau respectfully requests your support of this legislation.