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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 5006 (Senator Serrano)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAW AND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, IN RELATION TO THE FARMERS MARKETS IN STATE AND LOCAL PARKS

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New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest general farm organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This bill would allow for farmers markets to be conducted in state parks.

Farmers have long supported the development of farmers' markets as important ways to direct market to consumers. Farmers markets at times can struggle to secure a location that accommodates both farmers and patrons. Farm fresh products are becoming popular for New Yorkers, this bill would increase the accessibility of farmers markets by making local parks a permissible location.

In the interest of supporting New York's family farms and improving access to New York grown food across the state, New York Farm Bureau respectfully requests your support of this legislation.